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Air Siege

Raids were made at intervals yesterday by formations of enemy fighters and bombers crossing the coast of Kent and flying towards London, says an Air Ministry communique.

The raiders were engaged by our fighters and A.A. defences and few of them succeeded in reaching London.

Some bombs were dropped in the London area and also at a number of places in south-east England.

Houses and other buildings were damaged at a few places but reports indicated the number of casualties is small, though several were killed.

An attack was also made in Hampshire in the late afternoon and a few bombs were dropped in one district. Reports so far received show that several houses were destroyed and a number of people injured.

It is confirmed that one more enemy aircraft was destroyed on Saturday and another on Friday.—Reuter.

DR. BENES'
SPRING
PROMISE

A "definite transformation in all military operations" next Spring was promised his people by Dr. Benes, the Czechoslovak President, in a special broadcast last night on the eve of the 22nd anniversary of their National Independence Day.

The absolute failure of all German attempts to invade England; the almost incalculable losses the Germans have suffered in their aerial adventures; the impenetrable blockade of Germany which will be ever more intensified by growing British air superiority—all these, Dr. Benes said, will lead next spring to a definite transformation in all military operations.

Internal troubles in Germany and German-occupied countries will do the rest.

"This end of Naziism will be terrible, terrible to all who have been guilty," he went on.

"We are well prepared for it in our country!"

Referring to recent German at-

EIGHT NAZI
'PLANES
SHOT DOWN

It is officially announced that eight enemy aircraft were destroyed yesterday and that six British fighters were lost or missing, but the pilot of one is safe.—Reuter.

DISMAY
IN UNITED
STATES

There was much speculation in the American newspapers yesterday on the effect in Europe of any Franco-German alliance.

Developments in France have produced in the United States wide expressions of dismay, and Secretary of State Cordell Hull's disclosure that President Roosevelt had sent a warning to Vichy was splashed on the front pages of the New York morning papers.

Some radio commentators criticised the United States' continued diplomatic recognition of the Vichy Government and Washington's "politeness" regarding French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

It is generally considered that Hitler's new programme was necessitated by the thwarting of his original plans by the R.A.F. Naval aid is considered his chief aim. The belief that the French people will revolt if the Vichy Government joins the war against Britain is again voiced by several papers.—Reuter.

NAZI REPORT OF
SCOTLAND ATTACK

German bombers from Norway attacked two aerodromes in north-east Scotland from "a dangerously low height," according to the German radio yesterday.

It was claimed hits were scored on hangars, barracks, and other buildings at Wick, while "all" aerodrome buildings and barracks at Lossiemouth were destroyed.—Reuter.

Attempts to persuade the Czechoslovaks to organise meetings to proffer expressions of loyalty so that the world might suppose they were ready to collaborate with the Reich, Dr. Benes warned his people not to yield to this pressure.—Reuter.

"Exciting Events"
Coming This Week

ITALIANS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO EXPECT EXCITING EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEK, ACCORDING TO DIRECT AND INDIRECT MESSAGES FROM ROME WHICH REFER TO "FORCE" IN RECENT GERMAN DEALINGS.

Previous acknowledgment that hitherto Italy has been only "present in spirit" at Hitler's conclaves, especially with Spanish leaders, is now replaced by the assurance that Italy will shortly intervene directly in current Axis negotiations.

"Hitler's contacts with Franco and Petain, and those which may follow in the next few days, represent the closing of the last portcullis against British expectations of creating confusion in Europe," writes Signor Ansaldo, editor of Count Ciano's newspaper "Telegrafo."

Ansaldo adds the men of the Axis have been able by friendship or force to persuade European countries not to join in Britain's game.

The Axis diplomatic offensive agreed upon at the Brenner meeting is developing "but the best is yet to come."

Celebration Postponed

The Italian controlled "Telepress" of Zurich yesterday foreshadowed "an event of great importance in Rome to-morrow."

Celebration ceremonies of the anniversary of the March on Rome were postponed from yesterday to to-day (Monday).

The message concludes it is expected that the Mediterranean, especially the eastern part, will be the theatre of great activity this week.—Reuter.

"Diplomatic Offensive"

A "DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE" WAS THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN TO HITLER'S RECENT MOVES BY SIGNOR ANSALDO, EDITOR OF COUNT CIANO'S PAPER, YESTERDAY.

This "offensive," he says, was agreed on at the Brenner meeting.

"Hitler's talks with General Franco and Marshal Petain and others which may follow in the next few days," Signor Ansaldo continues, "represent the shutting of the last portcullis against all British expectations of spreading the war."

He indirectly admits, however, that Britain cannot be beaten.

"The men of the Axis," he says, "know that in order to beat Britain she must be prevented from securing any foothold on the Continent." — Reuter.

BERLIN
AGAIN
BOMBED

In their raid on Berlin on Saturday night the R.A.F. attacked aircraft works, an electric power station and goods yards. Oil plants bombed were at Stettin, Leuna and Cologne.

Naval docks at Hamburg, Cuxhaven and Bremen and railway communications at Bremen, Dortmund and Brussels were other targets.

The ports of Flushing and Antwerp and several aerodromes were again visited.

All these operations were carried out despite poor weather conditions over many of the target areas. One R.A.F. plane is missing.—Reuter.

rule of gold and raw materials must be ended for ever and be replaced by the domination of the whole people who produce and labour." — Reuter.

AMERICA
WARNED
OFF

A warning to Americans to keep out of European concerns was uttered by the Duke of Aosta in a speech yesterday to Blackshirts at Turin.

He said it was only right that Americans should have control in their own continent but it was not right that the Americans should meddle in affairs which concerned only Europeans.

The Duke also asserted: "The

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M. Baudoin Has Not Resigned But Seems Due To Be Pushed Out

BERLIN REPORTS that M. Paul Baudoin, Foreign Minister in the Vichy Government, had resigned, appear premature.

M. Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier, when questioned by newspapermen, did not confirm the report, according to a news agency despatch from Geneva yesterday.

FREE TUITION FOR EVACUEES

War guests from Great Britain living in Toronto are to be accorded full educational facilities in both collegiate institutes and public schools of the City "without payment of a fee," the Board of Education decided recently.

It has also been announced that should the City be compelled to open additional rooms to accommodate the war guests, the Department of Education would pay half the cost of the teachers engaged to preside over them.

In Forest Hill and district comes the report that British children are being absorbed into the educational system as fast as conditions will warrant. More than 60 have already enrolled in one school, and it is expected this number will be shortly increased to more than 100.

The children receive special tutoring under the direction of the director of academic studies. The guest leaves this reception class as soon as he or she has become

The despatch adds that the resignation "might take place during to-day (Sunday)."

A Cabinet meeting was originally called for yesterday afternoon in Vichy, when it was expected a decision would be taken but it was learned later that the Cabinet might not meet before Monday.—Reuter.

Havas says that while M. Baudoin's resignation has not yet been announced it is generally believed in Vichy that M. Laval will take over the portfolio of foreign affairs, retaining the Vice-Premiership.

adjusted, and the teacher is at that time given a fairly good picture of the child's capabilities.

While many hundreds of Canada's guests have come directly to private homes, and children from homes of university professors to homes here of university professors, every section of the Province is now host to one or more British children brought out under Government sponsorship, it was reported by George S. Tatle, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

During the summer months clearing stations were established in the University of Toronto residences, but with the opening of the universities, child evacuees will be handled through the Odd Fellows home, which is being fitted to accommodate 500, and can be expanded to take 1,000 or 1,200 at a time.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN SUNK, SAY NAZIS

A German High Command communique claims that the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain," which it described as a troopship, was attacked 60 miles west of Ireland.

Hit by a heavy bomb, says the German communique, the "Empress of Britain" caught fire and the crew had to take to their boats.

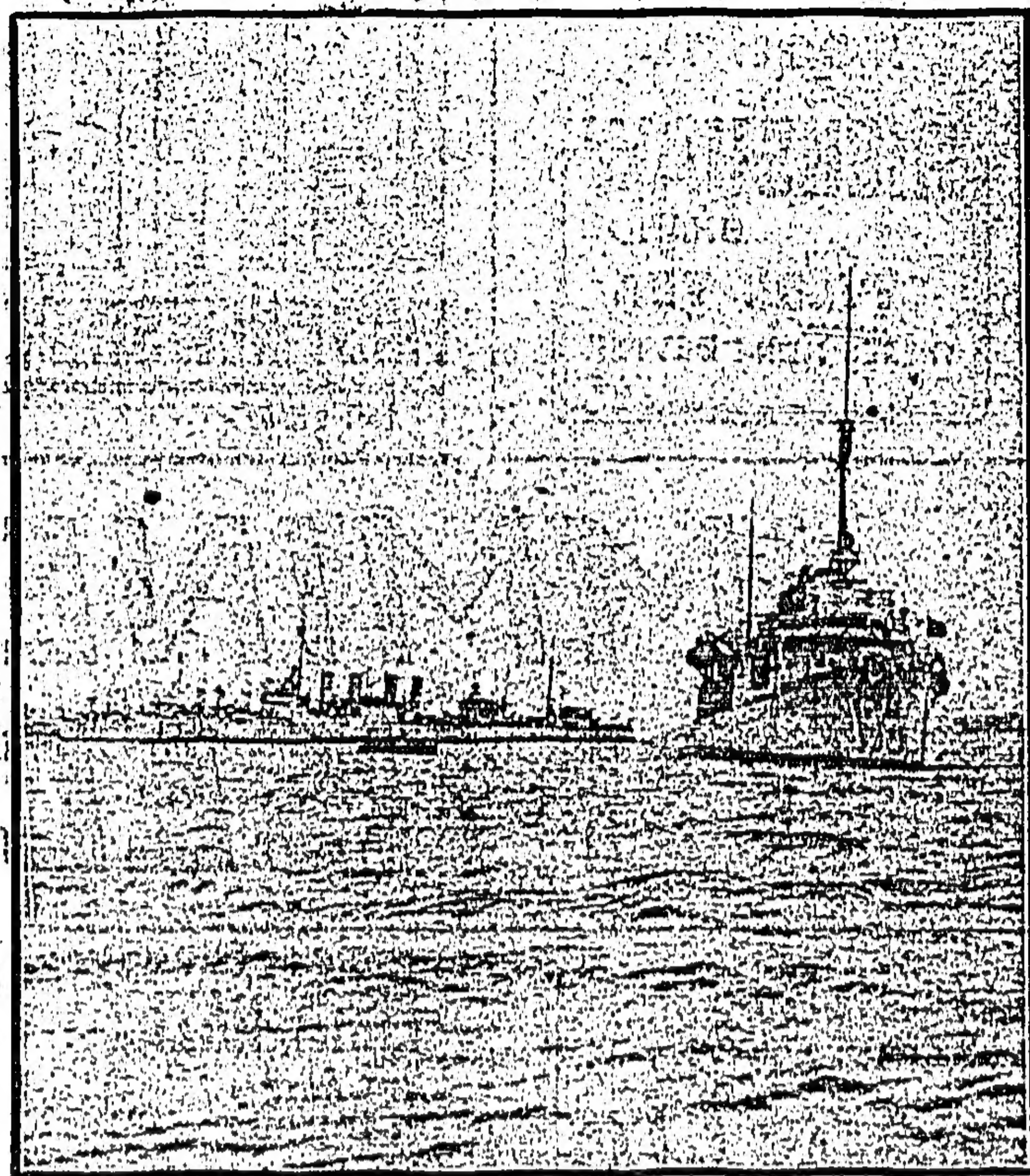
Claiming that the air offensive continued with light and heavy bombers, accompanied by fighters, on London, southern England and the Midlands, the communique says that despite fighter and A.A. defences, which were strong in some places, "important military objectives were plastered with bombs."

During the night, it continues, bombers continued without interruption the attacks on London and also bombed industrial plant in Birmingham, Coventry and the port of Liverpool.

"Enemy planes attempted to attack towns and industrial plant in north and central Germany. A hit was scored on one factory, killing workmen and damaging the building."

"An enemy plane dropped bombs on Berlin and, as in another large city, only dwelling houses were damaged. A number of civilians were killed and injured."

"The enemy lost nine planes and four German machines are missing."—Reuter.



Three of the fifty American destroyers turned over to Great Britain by the United States, at their moorings in an Eastern Canadian port just before the historic transfer. (Copyright, Fox).

BERGEN NOT QUIESCENT UNDER NAZI HEEL

ANTI-QUISLING demonstrations and sabotage at Bergen has resulted in the introduction of a limited state of siege, with a "dusk to dawn" curfew, according to reports received in Stockholm yesterday from Norway.

Two were killed and many injured in one demonstration outside premises commandeered by the Quisling national assembly movement, where feeling ran particularly high.

AMERICAN MONEY FOR HOMELESS BRITONS

An appeal for more money to help Britons made homeless by the German air raids was issued by Winthrop W. Aldrich, President of the Allied Relief Fund and Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank, following a trans-oceanic telephone conversation with Bertrand Cruger, London representative of the Fund.

Mr. Aldrich said Mr. Cruger had told him the need for immediate aid for the homeless poor there was very great and that money was "needed immediately."

The daily and nightly bombing of London in September was "very severe," Mr. Cruger declared. "He said he had been able to get only a few hours sleep," Mr. Aldrich continued. "He was calling about 7 o'clock London time and informed me that two bombs had fallen in Berkeley Square and that another bomb had fallen near his apartment building, which was shaken as if by a hurricane."

Mr. Cruger, who is an official of the Chase National Bank, told Mr. Aldrich that the British were holding up under the bombardment "with courage and calmness," and that this was particularly true of the homeless poor. The damage to London had been "very great," and, he declared, "the suffering of people who have been made homeless cannot be exaggerated."

The anti-aircraft fire and gen-

Despite police reinforcements, the reports add, German troops have been frequently compelled to intervene.

It is stated that local leaders of this movement have now taken over the municipal administration.

There has been much sabotage, an example being the spoiling of a consignment of fish intended for Germany.

Many have sentenced to long terms of imprisonment at trials in camera for alleged offences ranging from tearing down posters to assembly movements to giving information to a foreign power on internal conditions in Norway.—Reuter.

eral air defences have been greatly increased, he continued, adding that in his opinion and in the opinion of many persons with whom he had talked, "the British have this thing licked."

Mr. Cruger said that as a result of the great need among the thousands of Britain's homeless, the Lord Mayor's fund had been organized to give all assistance possible to the needy.

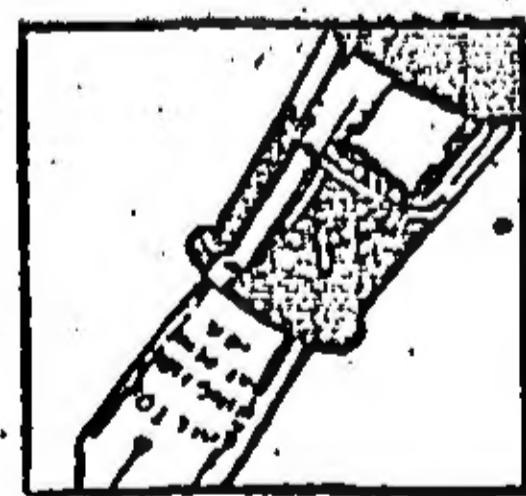
Mr. Aldrich said he would recommend to the Allied Relief Fund that it make an initial gift of \$25,000 to aid the homeless poor of Britain and that full-page advertisements be printed asking for additional contributions.

The Fund has already raised about \$1,000,000 and sent the money to Europe, Mr. Aldrich added. About \$300,000 of this money was sent to the American Hospital in Paris for relief among refugees before France's surrender. The balance was sent to Great Britain to support the American ambulances of Great Britain, the American Hospital of Great Britain, mobile centres and other relief agencies.

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Eurasia Pilot Wounded

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Japanese aircraft appeared over Kunming at about 9.30 a.m. yesterday machine-gunning the outskirts and neighbouring district towns.

Chengtu was bombed at noon. Alarms were sounded in Chungking, but no planes were sighted near the city.

Walther Lutz, Chief Pilot of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, who was wounded on Saturday when the machine he was piloting was chased, fired at and compelled to land by three Japanese fighters, is making favourable progress in hospital.

The two Chinese pilots are also out of danger.

Lutz has been with Eurasia for over 10 years. — Our Own Correspondent.

MADE OWN FIDDLE

Not having the money to buy one, Elmer Neil and Glendora Robinson made a bull fiddle out of cheese boxes, orange crates, a hickory limb, a mop handle, a washtub and an old fence post. It worked so well that they used it with the high school orchestra.

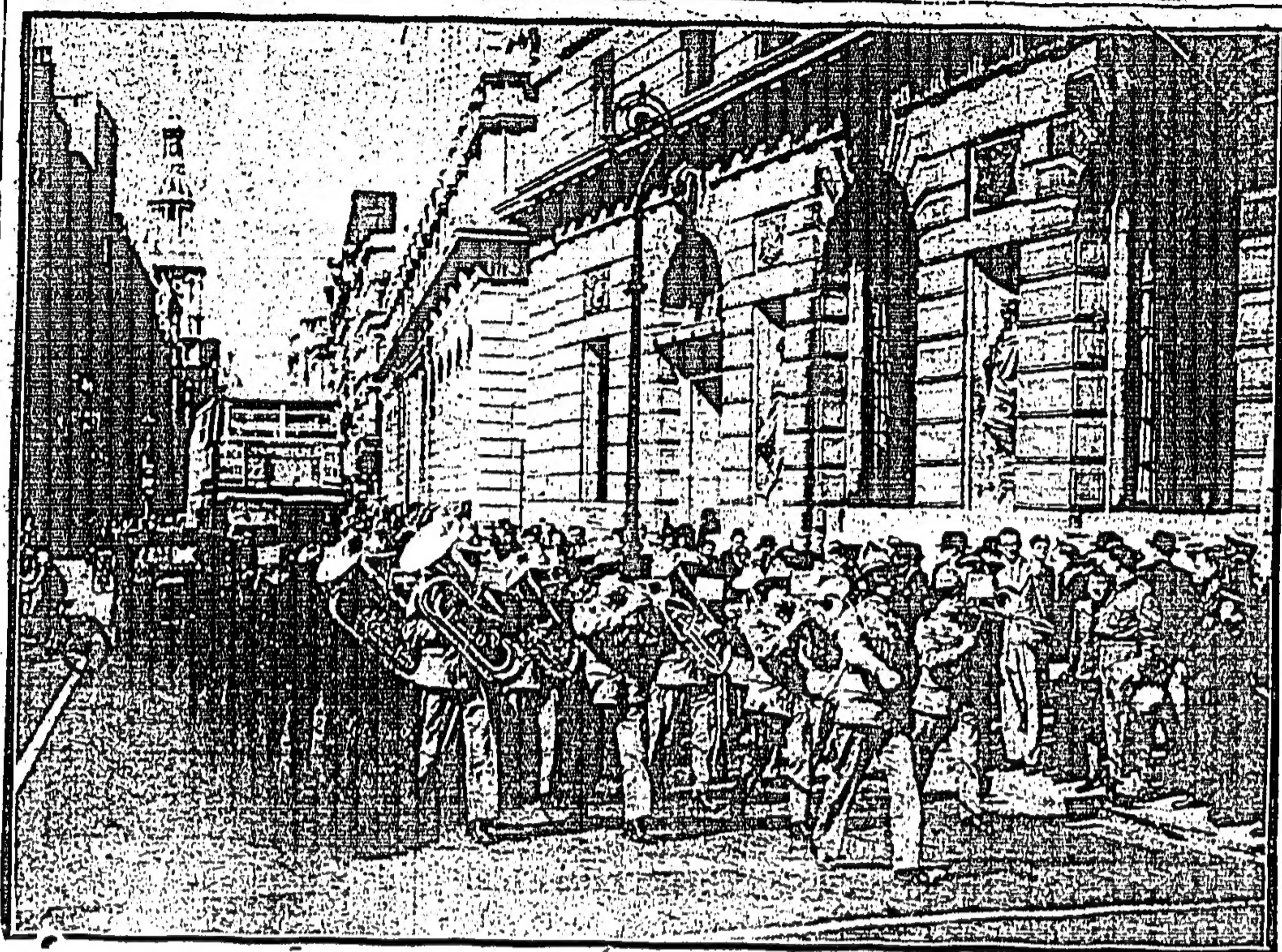
BATTLE OF BRITAIN OVER?

Battle Of The Empire Now About To Begin

Hitler Blow In Middle East Coming

"THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN MAY NOW BE OVER, FOR ITS ISSUE, I BELIEVE, IS ALREADY DECIDED," DECLARED MR. L. S. AMERY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, IN A SPEECH IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"The Battle of the Empire comes next. Frustrated in his attempt to destroy our Commonwealth by one blow at its heart, Hitler will try to do so by striking at the next vital point, namely our hold on the Mediterranean, our lifeline to the East and particularly our position in Egypt and Palestine on both sides of the Suez Canal.



The other day, for the first time, a Dominion band marched playing through the streets of London and gave a performance in front of the Royal Exchange. Photo shows the band marching through the City. (Copyright, Fox).

GENERAL DE GAULLE'S RALLY CALL

"French soldiers and citizens, rise in arms against the senile leaders who are about to hand over our Empire to the enemy," said General De Gaulle, in a broadcast yesterday from Leopoldville, Belgian Congo.

General De Gaulle has just completed a tour of French Equatorial Africa and the Cameroons.

Throughout his trip, he said, he was met by free Frenchmen and Africans full of ardour and determination.

That showed him that Free France is still a power in full working order and free Frenchmen the only refuge for the fatherland.

"Because of that, and because the Vichy Government has passed over to the enemy, I am organizing an Imperial Defence Council to act as a War Government," he said. — Reuter.

JAPANESE BID FOR APPLE MARKET

The first experimental shipment of thirty crates of Aomori apples left for Sourabaya, Netherlands East Indies, on board the Nissho Maru yesterday as Japanese producers sought new markets.

The Java markets hitherto have been almost monopolised by Australian "Granny Smith" apples which are known for their keeping characteristics.

Former Japanese attempts to ship supplies to the N.E.I. failed through lack of cold storage facilities on Japanese ships.

This drawback has been remedied, permitting the 16-day voyage across the Equator.

Japanese apples are now also being sent to Germany, which formerly obtained its apples from America and Canada. — Reuter.

"If he could drive us out of there he could hope not only to secure the oil of Iraq and the cotton of Turkey and Egypt but, more important still, to be able to transport them by sea through the ports of his allies or vassals.

"He would have broken through our blockade and would be in a position to threaten India and British Africa at close quarters.

"It is in the light of these aims that we must look at what has been happening in Rumania, what is being plotted against the independence of Bulgaria, what lies behind the conferences Hitler has been holding with Franco and Petain.

Up To Us

"Where and how the attempt is to be made we cannot yet judge but it is up to us to beat it off as we have beaten off the attempt on this island.

"Then, at last, the time will come for the turning of the tables of our enemies and the beginning of our own offensive."

England was not alone in its struggle against the Dictators.

"At this moment a conference is assembled in Delhi of representatives of the Empire east and south of Suez to consider how the resources of all their territories can best be developed and mutually matched in order to produce the greatest volume of striking power in the future.

Redressing The Balance

"That is an immensely significant event in history.

"As Mr. Churchill said, it is colling into being a new world of armed strength to redress the balance of the old."

"After pointing out that the British Air Force will continue to cripple Germany's resources at home, Mr. Amery said:

"In one sense we settled the issue of the Napoleonic wars at Trafalgar but it took another ten years before that victory was finally made good at Waterloo."

"We can hope, thanks to our growing air power, that Hitler's Waterloo will come much more swiftly and no less conclusively."

War Aims

Referring to war aims Mr. Amery declared: "We wish to see established for others the principles which we believe are fundamental to civilisation."

"We wish to see established in Europe, the elementary rights of justice and freedom for individuals; the right of minorities to be respected by majorities and of small nations to live in peace side by side with greater ones — to see cooperation take the place of anarchy."

"Meanwhile our first task, in the words of Pitt, is to save ourselves by our exertions and Europe by our example." — Reuter.

ALBANIAN FRONTIER "INCIDENT"

The mystery of the shooting on the Albanian side of the Greek-Albanian frontier, alleged by the Italians, is deepened by a semi-official statement issued in Athens yesterday.

The Italian account of the incident is emphatically denied.

It is stated that absolutely no incident occurred on the frontier itself but Greek frontier posts on Saturday heard firing which apparently came from the Albanian village of Verni, two miles from the border.

The Greek commander informed an Italian officer opposite and asked for an interview to ascertain the facts. So far the Greek officer has received no reply, it was added.

Serious View Taken

A SERIOUS VIEW IS TAKEN IN ATHENS AT THE SIGNS OF A RENEWAL OF ITALIAN PRESSURE ON GREECE.

The Greek Government has issued an official denial that Government troops or irregulars on Saturday morning attacked an Italian outpost on the Albanian frontier.

It is pointed out that there are no Greek regulars who might have committed such an act at that particular time and place, and it has been proved that no Greek crossed the border within the time covered by the alleged incident.

Greek and Italian frontier commanders were to meet yesterday afternoon. — Reuter.

SCHOOLING TREND GROWS IN MEXICO

Reports from Mexican country school districts which open their autumn terms earlier than schools in the towns, indicated that matriculation has greatly increased over last year.

Since this shows parental co-operation, for children may be used at home to work in the fields and sometimes are detained from school for that purpose, the education department takes the report as heartening, and as showing more general enthusiasm among country people in becoming literate.

STATE RICE STORAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

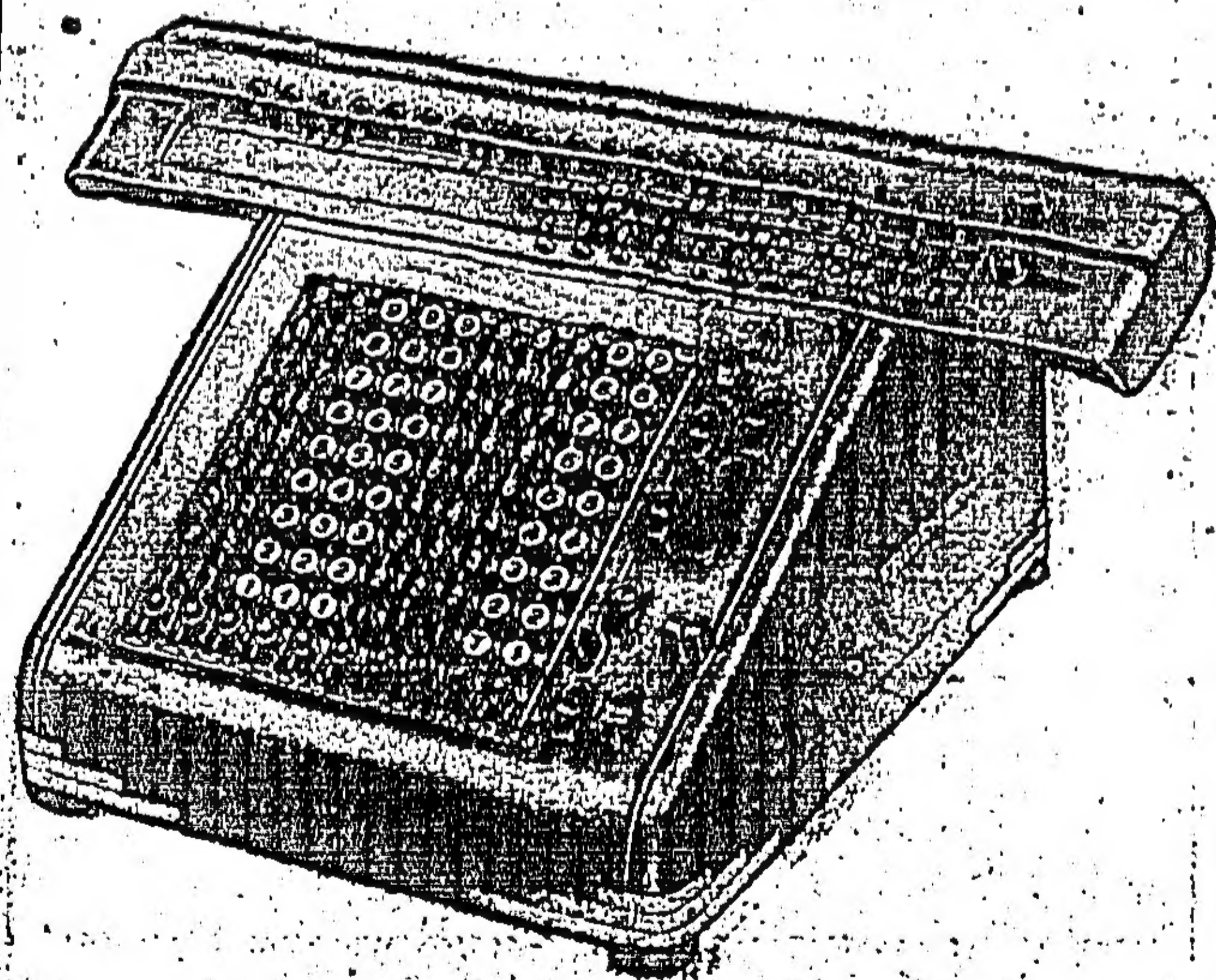
THE "JAPAN TIMES" REPORTED IN TOKYO YESTERDAY THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED ALL PREFECTURAL AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH THE STATE MANAGEMENT OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF RICE.

Municipal, town and village associations will allocate quotas for rice among rice producers and land owners.

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AERIAL SIEGE OF LONDON SLACKENS IN SEVERITY

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE AERIAL "SIEGE" OF LONDON, WHICH ENTERED ITS EIGHTH WEEK YESTERDAY, WAS NOTICEABLY SLACKENED IN SEVERITY. THE REGULARITY OF THE RAIDS IS FAR FROM AN ACCURATE GUIDE TO THE INTENSITY OF GERMANY'S EFFORT.

It is recognised that the present pause may be only temporary and that Germany may be preparing a fresh onslaught with redoubled energy but unless this is the outcome of the Hitler-Petain agreement, the evidence of the past week justifies the belief held by qualified observers that the Luftwaffe's energy will be dispersed over a wider field.

AMERICAN GERMANS MOSTLY LOYAL

The loyalty of American citizens of German descent, with a "few unhappy exceptions," is without question, the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation had declared in a statement which denounced the suppression of German culture under Nazi domination as "humiliating" to every American with German blood in his veins.

With the pronouncement that the present German attacks on London constitute the "peak of outrage," the Foundation revealed that as long as five years ago it had reduced its awards for research work in Germany almost to the vanishing point, and had, instead, in the past five years, spent \$200,000 in placing German refugee teachers and students in American schools. About 95 per cent. of those assisted, it added, were of the Jewish faith.

The Foundation, established to promote the better integration of Americans of German descent with the body of American citizenship and to carry on the programme of cultural improvement initiated by Carl Schurz as Secretary of the Interior, first President of the Society for Germanistic Culture and first President of the Germanic Museum at Harvard, had been asked recently to tell of the effect of the Nazi rule on its programme.

The Foundation statement declared that other expenditures, beyond refugee aid, have gone toward the support of literary, musical and artistic enterprises designed to recall to citizens of German derivation the contributions of their race "in the old days" toward the culture of America. Last spring it began seeking a \$2,000,000 endowment fund to convert the old Customs House at New York into a clearinghouse for information on German contributions to America.

"Excepting where official permission has been necessary on occasion for the removal of works of art from Germany for exhibition here or in securing entrance to German scientific or industrial plants for American observers, the Foundation has not the slightest touch with the present German government," the statement reported. "The Foundation holds totalitarianism itself, with the excesses of which the World has become all too familiar, in abhorrence and prays for the day when, through the final triumph of democratic ideals and democratic power, the processes of civilisation, wherever they have been violated, will be restored."

"As an organisation, its major concern has been for the thirty millions of German blood, citizens of America, who with but a relatively few unhappy exceptions are, and will continue to be, thoroughly in accord with American thought and opinion in the present crisis."

This has not been the case by day, for Hitler and Goering have had to rely since the smashing defeat of September 15 on the use of bomb-carrying fighters whose effective range is strictly limited, but at night the Luftwaffe is now winging its way more over England and Wales and even some parts of Scotland seeking new targets.

Midland towns, in particular, have become "little Londons." The great sprawling capital still attracts the majority of the night bombing fleet as with day raiders, primarily because it is so conveniently close to the European bases, but this does not alter the fact that night raids are becoming more widespread.

Worsening Weather

The worsening weather and thickening of the night defences when the weather is fine, detracts from the wisdom of making London the sole or even main target.

The defiance aircraft which, it is announced, will revert to their role of night fighter, is yet another type to harry Nazi planes after dark. The Blenheim has been used for some time and there is evidence that a new American type is suitable for night use.

In raiding over an ever widening field, especially at night time, the enemy is following closely the R.A.F. plan of campaign, which seeks to cripple Germany's war effort with attacks of grow-

U.S. FACES ATTACK ON TWO OCEANS

The United States has been brought into a position where it must consider the possibility of a simultaneous attack in both oceans, said Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, in a Navy Day broadcast yesterday.—Reuter.

BLACK-OUTS IN MANCHURIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A.R.P. EXERCISES ARE TO BE HELD IN HARBIN AND PINGKIANG PROVINCE TOWARDS THE END OF THE PRESENT MONTH, SAID THE "MANCHURIA DAILY NEWS" YESTERDAY.

Preparations for the black-out must be completed by this weekend when the lighting equivalent of every house will be inspected. Inhabitants have been warned to be prepared for air raid signals which may be sounded at any time in the next few days.—Havas

ing intensity over the widest possible area.

Key To Mastery

Losses in aircraft and men on either side are fast losing their past significance and unless the present course of the air war is dramatically changed, in Britain or in another theatre of war the key to air mastery may well resolve itself into a question of how quickly the R.A.F., with the help of American supplies, can match Germany's strength in bomber 'plans' as we are now rapidly overhauling the enemy total of fighter aircraft.—Reuter

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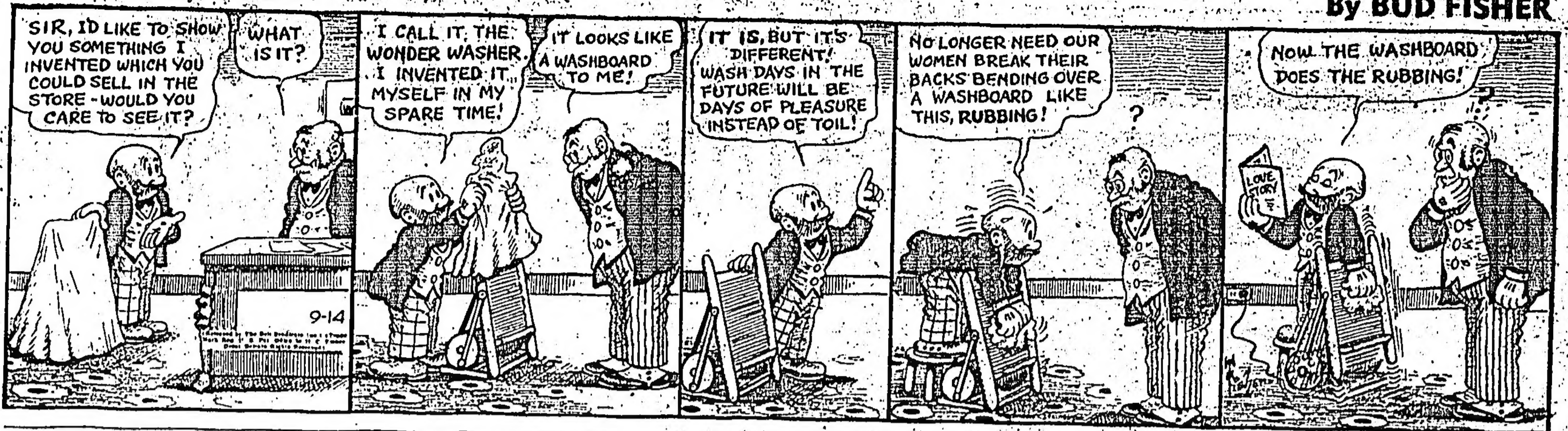
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TRADE UNIONS LEND BRITAIN £750,000

AMONG THE MANY volunteer contributions which continue to swell the Government's financial resources are a series of interest-free loans from members of the British Trades Union Congress, which now exceed, £750,000.

All of these contributions from various unions have been made since July 5, when the T. U. C. General Council decided to transfer to the Treasury £10,000 of its funds free of interest and to recommend that affiliated unions follow this example wherever possible.

Largest contributions came from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, and from the Transport and General Workers' Union, each of which lent £250,000.

The Distributive and Allied Workers Union lent £50,000, while the Operative House and Ship Painters and Decorators Union and the Amalgamated Weavers' Association each lent £25,000.

Small contributions were received from 31 affiliated unions of the T. U. C.

The United Society of Engravers in intimating its decision to lend £4,000 free of interest, records the fact that in September the Society was arranging to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Although the commemoration had to be postponed, the executive of the union felt that it could not allow the

event to pass entirely without notice, and therefore decided to send to each member of the union serving in the armed forces a postal order for 7s. 6d. as a gesture of pride in their service and a message of cheer from their Union.

The Amalgamated Society of Wire Drawers and Kindred Workers, in addition to its interest-free loan of £10,000, recently made a grant of £100 to the Red Cross Society to mark the union's centenary year.

Other unions, in addition to making interest-free loans, have invested in Government war bonds and other securities.

The need for interest-free loans to the Government was made clear recently in the House of Commons when it was pointed out that last three years more, would total £400,000,000. This was based upon an estimated national debt of £16,000,000,000 by 1943 if the war continues.

In the case of inflation the debt would be £20,000,000,000 and if the full interest of 3 per cent were paid, the charges would be about £600,000,000 a year.

MIAMI 'CAPTAINS' FOR NAVY

Captains of Miami's famous charter boat fleet, several hundred strong, are being urged to apply for commissions as United States Naval Reserve officers, so they may be assigned to command small patrol boats, or even "mosquito" torpedo craft, in the event of national emergency.

Establishment of a fleet of small, swift torpedo boats in Miami is under consideration by the United States Navy Department, it has been learned.

The charter captains with their intimate knowledge of Florida and Bahaman waters and familiarity with small craft, would form a valuable group of officers for patrolling.

There is hardly anyone who has ever visited Miami who is not familiar with the famous "fleet" that daily sails forth to the Gulf Stream and neighbouring islands, returning at sunset, like a great marine parade, bringing in the triumphant deep-sea fishermen and tourists.

The Navy especially wants men under 27, but all experienced boatmen are being urged to file applications. The plan to commission the small boat operators was declared to be identical with the long-practiced policy of making reserve officers of air transport and merchant marine experts.

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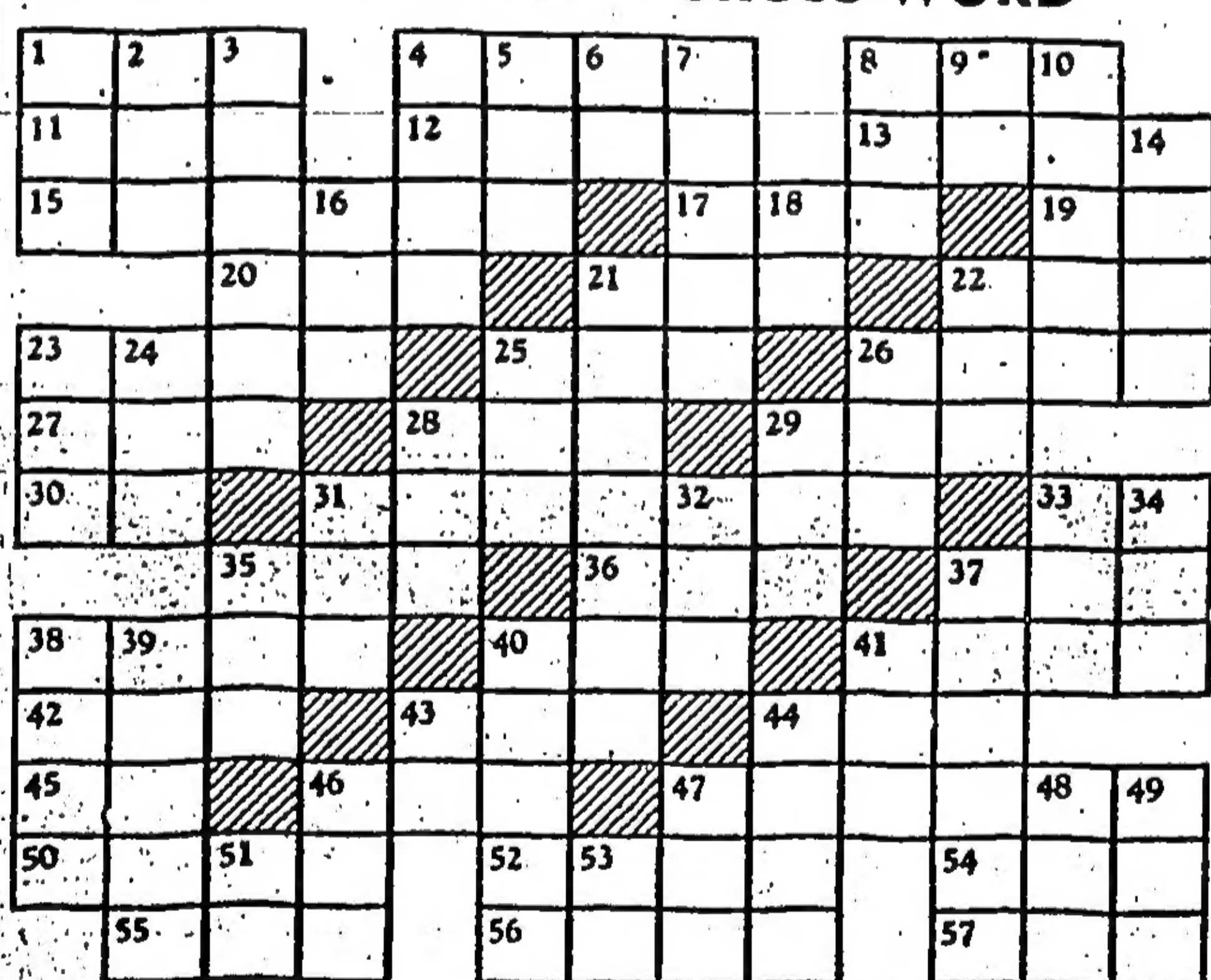
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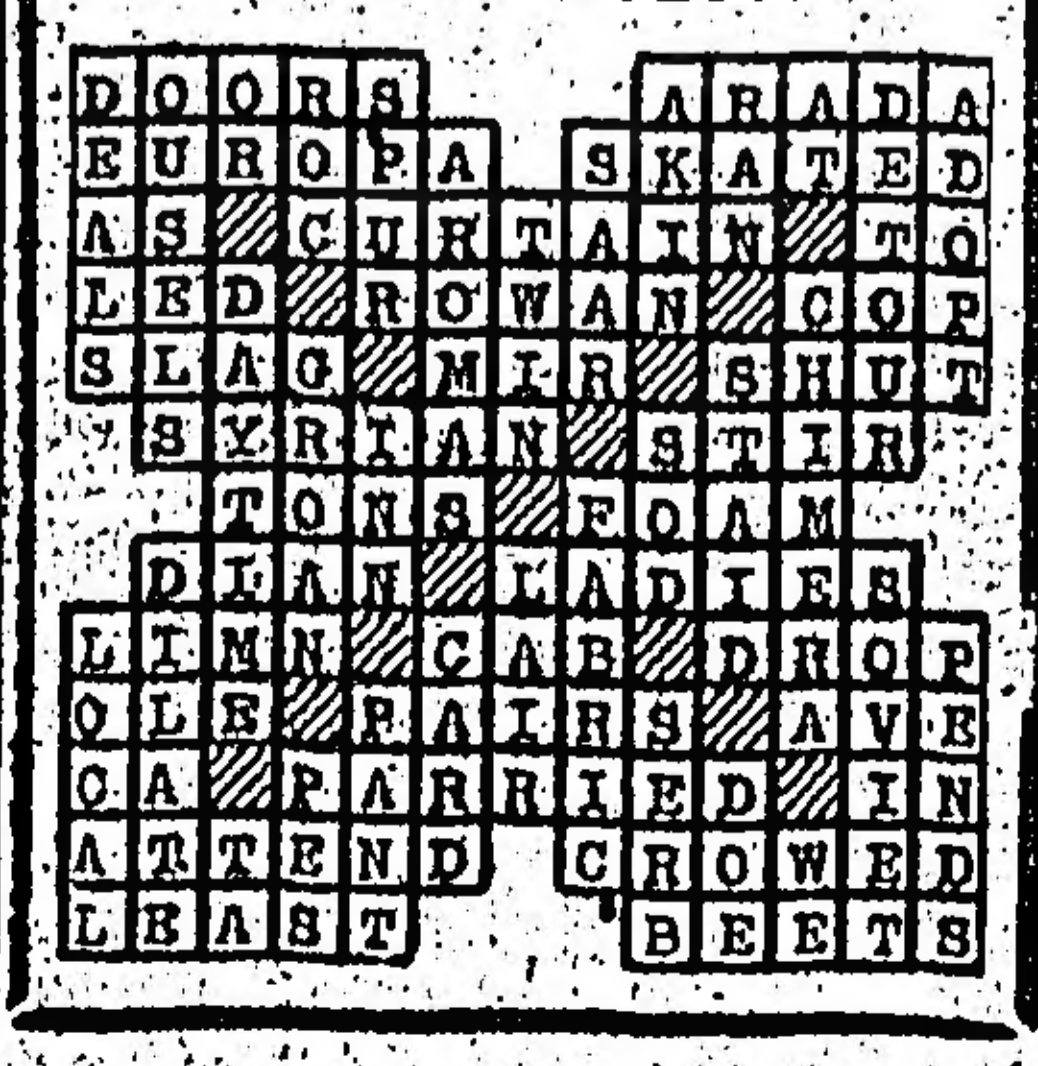
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25 Beetle
26 Loaned
27 Fish eggs
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30 Exclamation of sorrow
31 Postpone
33 Mulberry
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36 Narrative poem
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38 Male deer
40 Marsh
41 Observes
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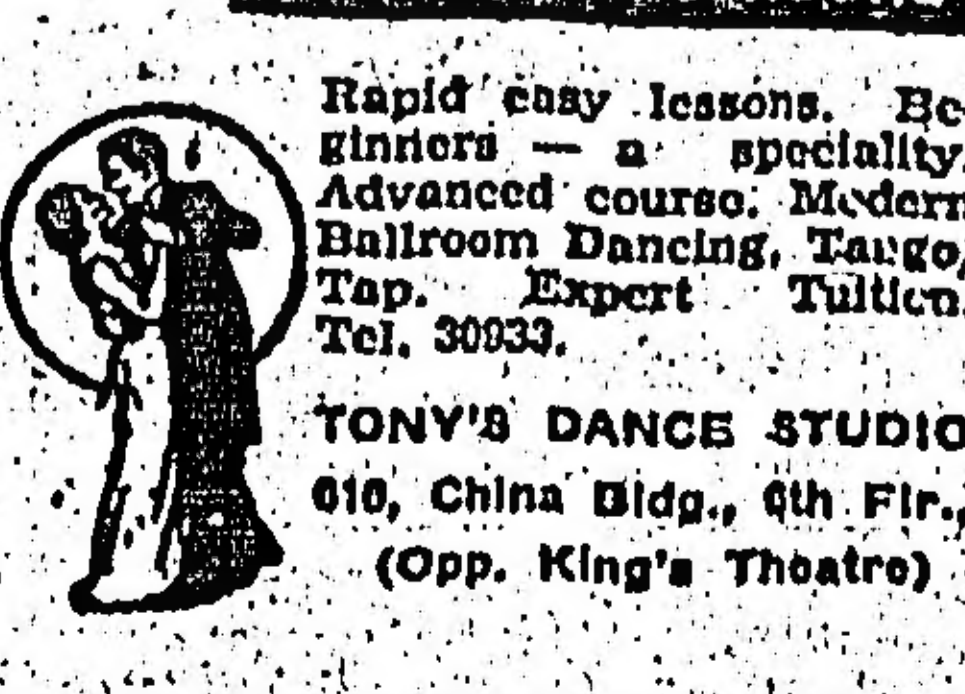
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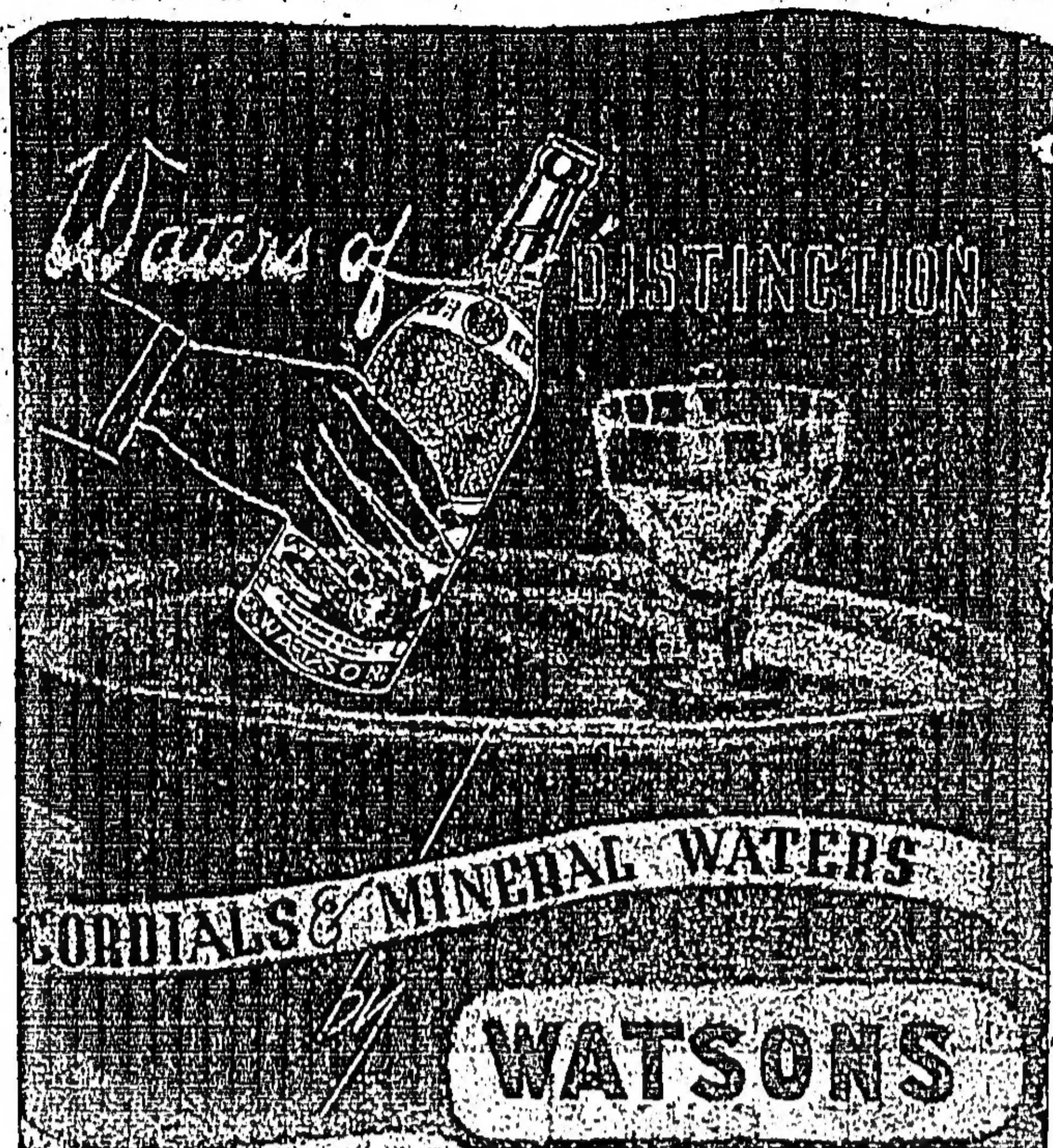
These should be punctureless days for the Missouri motorist. His autumn driving should be full of serenity. Why? The state reports the American Public Works Association, has purchased a "road magnet" on wheels, whose sole duty it is to scour the highways, picking up nails, bolts, and other bits of metal lying in wait for unsuspecting automobile tires.

The device picks up, on an average, four and one-half pounds of iron a mile. It consists of three powerful electric magnets suspended from the chassis of a two-ton truck. A generator, mounted on the chassis, and driven by a separate engine, supplies the current. The machine, according to the Association, was designed and built by the Missouri State Highway Department, and cost \$4,000.

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Sir Robert Dummett, the Bow Street (London) magistrate, made this scathing comment in imposing a fine of £15,000 on Leon Pandeli Argenti, aged fifty-eight, of Ennismore-gardens, Guildford, Surrey, who appeared on a foreign currency charge.

Argenti, who was said to be a British subject of Greek extraction, was accused of having failed to offer for sale to the Treasury two gold bars worth £6,400, 400 sovereigns worth £800, and 2,000 Swiss francs of an aggregate value of £7,200.

He was ordered to pay £25 costs on one summons, and fined £10 on a second summons.

The defence was that Argenti was not resident here, and that the regulations accordingly did not apply to him.

Mr. F. D. Barry prosecuting, said Argenti was formerly a director of a well-known firm of merchant bankers in the City.

In September, 1939, he wrote to the Bank of England informing them that he resigned his directorship on the merchant bank referred to, and intended to live in Antwerp, to manage an oil seed factory there.

The letter requested the release of certain securities, but the application was refused.

Magistrate Puzzled

He went to Antwerp and his solicitors made a fresh application, to which the Bank replied:—

"In view of the circumstances the Control are prepared to allow that Argenti be regarded for the purposes of the Regulations as non-resident. His sterling balances therefore are at his free disposal."

Sir Robert Dummett: I cannot understand this!

Mr. Barry added that after Argenti had started the factory in Belgium the Germans invaded the country. Argenti fled to the Franco-Spanish frontier and escaped to this country in a British troopship, on June 27.

On July 3 Argenti's solicitors wrote to the Bank of England asking that his account which, of course, had been "blocked," should be released once more so that he could draw on it and send currency abroad.

The Bank refused. Mr. Percy Arthur Pescott, a Bank of England official, was asked by Sir Robert Dummett why the Bank, on October 28 granted Argenti permission to sell certain securities.

"I thought," he said "that the Bank was an impartial body which would use its jurisdiction impartially. There is an idea still in this country that the rich and poor are treated alike by the law. Can you give any reason for this special favouritism?"

Mr. Pescott: He submitted that the securities had been purchased by him for the specific purpose of using the proceeds for this factory in Belgium.

THEATRES SHUT IN LONDON

Most of London's theatres are now closed.

A number of plays came off following the intensification of the aerial warfare, and Mr. George Black, on behalf of General Theatres Corporation, decided to close immediately the Palladium, Hippodrome, Holborn Empire, Flinders Park Empire, Stratford Empire, New Cross Empire and Penge Empire.

Except in four or five cases plays are suspended until the situation is clearer. At the Palace it is hoped to resume matinees and one or two other theatres may present afternoon performances.

The decision to close temporarily has been made by the managers themselves. The Home Office

SHOTS BY R.A.F. MAN IN THE WEST END

An R.A.F. officer fired warning shots as he pursued a man suspected of posing as a pilot officer in the West End of London.

At the same time, a civilian, George William Lacey, a carman, who was on his way to work, collapsed and died, apparently from shock on hearing the firing, for he was not injured.

Later in the day Darcy Wilson, twenty-nine, barman, of Pitt Road, Thornton Heath, was remanded before Mr. McKenna, at Bow Street, on a charge of wearing the uniform of a pilot officer of the R.A.F. in Wild Street, Drury Lane, calculated falsely to suggest that he was acting in the service of his Majesty. He pleaded guilty.

It was stated that the police wished to make inquiries and applied for a remand.

Flight-Lieutenant John Forbes Andre Day said that when in Oxford Street that morning Wilson gave him a sloppy salute.

He felt suspicious, as it was not usual for a pilot officer to salute a flight-lieutenant. The man was also wearing a ribbon which was not right.

He spoke to him, and his conversation led him to believe he was an imposter.

"I put him under arrest," continued the flight-lieutenant, "but as we approached Adastral House he dived down a side street. To attract attention I fired my revolver at a blank wall.

"He did not stop and I fired again. I was running as hard as I could, and when I got round the corner two men stopped him."

15-HOUR FIGHT FOR LIFE

A desperate attempt lasting 15½ hours to save the life of a woman imprisoned by masonry after a bomb had hit a great London hospital failed dramatically.

The woman was a 32-year-old Australian masseuse. Four women were killed when the building in which she was sleeping was destroyed. Some hours later she herself was discovered alive, and rescue work began. But just as she was being brought to safety the air-raid sirens went. The shock was too much. She died immediately.

The famous old hospital was hit early in the morning. The masseuse was in one of the blocks that provide accommodation for the nursing staff. It was this block which received the full force of what is believed to have been a 1,000 lb. bomb.

Chunks of stone crashed through the air and a large hole showed all that was left of two massive floors.

Singing Patients

Most of them were recovering from serious operations, but they met their misfortune with magnificent spirit. As the medical staff, students and other helpers hurried in the darkness to their assistance the patients sang.

It seemed impossible that any of the people in the wrecked block could have escaped, yet 15 out of 20 were brought out alive. Hope had been almost abandoned for the remaining five when, with the coming of daylight, it was discovered that the masseuse was alive. The bed on which she had been sleeping was pinned beneath an enormous pile of debris, but a beam protected her from it.

She was able to talk to the men who approached. Elaborate preparations had to be made to bring her out without capsizing the mass of debris that concealed her. A hole was knocked in the side wall that remained standing, but she could not be moved owing to the pressure of the debris on her legs. She resigned herself to a long wait, asking only for acid drops.

Hundreds Watch

At a height of 50ft. she remained a prisoner, with only the corner of a red blanket to indicate her position. Steel scaffolding was erected on each side of the demolished building to provide a bridge.

At five p.m. the masseuse was slowly moved to the hole that had been made in the wall. Ten minutes later, as she was half-way through it, the air raid sirens sounded and the shock killed her.

DOVER SHELLS: BRITISH GUNS REPLY

Long-range German artillery hurled large-calibre shells into Dover, writes a correspondent. I heard what I thought was heavy anti-aircraft firing, but seeing no bursts in the sky looked out towards the French coast which was clearly visible to-day.

I saw the flashes of a battery of guns coming from a point slightly east of Cap Gris Nez. Salvoes of shells were fired at intervals of about two minutes.

In a Dover sea front hotel I counted 75 secs. between the flashes and the crash of the explosions as the shells burst. Salvoes were fired at two-minute intervals.

then there was a lull of 20 mins. and the German guns thundered again.

At sunset two more German guns came into action. They were mounted nearer to Calais than the first battery and a salvo hurtled across the Channel as the cannonade continued.

It was one of the most violent raids ever delivered by the R.A.F. on the German-held Channel ports.

While it was in progress searchlights on the English side of the Channel probed the sky for German planes, whose engines could be heard overhead.

stated that the issue of an order was being urgently considered.

Bernard Shaw's play, "The Millionaire," which was to have opened at the Globe, has been postponed for a week, and the transfer of "Thunder Rock" to the Haymarket has also been held up. The revival of "All's Well that ends well," due at the Vaudeville, has been postponed.

Cinemas May Close

The temporary closure of West End and suburban cinemas, as well as West End theatres, as a matter of expediency, is being considered by the Home Office and other Government Departments.

British guns took up the duel and shells were falling on the German-occupied French coast.

The land shelling was followed at dusk by hammer blows delivered by the R.A.F. The concussion of bombs falling on the gun positions shook the ground on the British side of the Channel.

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JAPAN'S RISK

The dangers to which the industry and the economy of Japan may be exposed as a result of her new alliance with the Axis Powers illustrate the risks the Japanese militarists are prepared to run in pursuit of their grandiose plans of conquest. After three years of exhausting war with China, Japan has not only failed to reap compensating benefits for her heavily-laden industries, but finds it necessary to exert a greater military effort than ever. The drain of the "incident" has told most heavily upon the civilian population and the foreign trade of the country, and there are limits to what either can stand.

Civilians can be made to wear rayon in place of cotton or wool, but for industry, in time of war, it is infinitely more difficult to dispense with iron, copper, oil, and rubber. The most significant fact, however, is that these materials are supplied at present predominantly from Anglo-American sources, few of them within easy reach of Japan. Australia has supplied important quantities of raw materials, the United States has exported special machinery, rolling-stock, special steels, and other industrial materials which Japan cannot at present produce for the satisfaction of her needs. The more responsible elements in Japan, those with an appreciation of her precarious situation, appear to be keenly alive to the appalling risk she runs if she should cut herself off from her supplies of these things. In the past, there has been no unwillingness to provide them in the normal course of trade, apart from such conservation of resources as may have been necessary to defence preparations. If, however, the new pact can mean no less than that Japan has entered into a clear-cut military alliance with our enemies, she can scarcely continue to count on the supply of potential war materials from those against whom she has declared herself. The extremists in Japan are not likely to be deterred from their course by economic danger so long as they imagine their available military supplies to be sufficient for the next immediate step, but they have every reason to fear the power of an Anglo-American trade embargo to bring their war machine to a standstill.

When war broke out a year ago, we had in Britain the best organised machine for film propaganda in the world. We had what even Dr. Goebbels hadn't: a group of specialists, some of them with ten years' experience, skilled in the use of the most lasting of all propaganda weapons—the film.

Some had studied film propaganda in America, France and Germany. Foreign experts said that their work was of high quality. "The documentary film people" were ready to work overtime night and day at the job of foreign propaganda.

To-day, a year later, we look back on twelve months practically wasted. Some of our best technicians are either foot-slogging in the Army, or awaiting their call-up, making a few short films. To all intents, the knowledge and experience we had accumulated over ten years have scarcely been used in the national interest. Yet we are a reserved occupation over thirty!

The documentary film people should, of course, have been taken over lock, stock and barrel by the Government's Ministry of Information and set to develop the field they knew so well. Instead, they have been left to pounce on the odd scraps of films which the M. of I.'s Film Division cares to drop around. And most, if not all, of these films are for British audiences.

The fight for the proper use of film for foreign propaganda is not new. It flared up over what films Britain should send to represent itself to the American people at last year's New York World's Fair. It was the documentary people then, and not the official bodies, who saw that an honest expression of the British character was presented to the Americans.

That there were people in authority blind to the real spirit of the British people was bad enough in peace-time; but to-day it is positively dangerous. Overseas nations now more than ever need a clear and honest picture of the everyday British people who are pitting their all against annihilation.

Two bodies appear responsible for this vital job of foreign propaganda: The British Council and the Ministry of Information. The Films Committee of the former still retains the Guilty Men who epitomise the old school of foreign propaganda. There is not a single professional film publicist among them.

Relations between this Olde Worlde body, with its faded understanding of the British people, and the M. of I. appear obscure. Neither seems clear as to what the other is supposed to do, except that each has agreed to mind its own business. Their respective business is somewhat ambiguously defined as the difference between "political" and "cultural" films. What a side-laugh this must give Dr. Goebbels!

The British Council's Film Department, which is now extending its premises, has £71,800 to spend on cultural films for overseas, so its secretary tells me. This figure includes cost of copies of films and transit charges, but not establishment costs.

With this sum it is busy making such films as Britain's Reply to the Nazi Challenge, which puts forward the folk songs of the Scottish shepherd and the Welsh miner as a contrast to the Nazi youth worship of the military marching tune.

Americans, no doubt, will recall that the Nazis entered Oslo to the music of "Roll Out the Barrel," a tune not unknown in the British Army. It has also a film on Ulster's war effort, naturally without reference to Eire. American audiences are not, of course, attuned to March of Time's controversial voice on such a subject of dynamite.



not let the enemy know we are sending films abroad. Maybe silence is a useful cloak here because I doubt if the Ministry has completed a single film designed specifically for export.

We have no doubt sent abroad foreign language versions of a few documentaries—Squadron 992 and Behind the Guns—but these were made primarily for home use. We have produced no equivalent of the Nazi Baptism of Fire, their film of the Polish Invasion designed to scare neutrals, nor should we in content.

But we could have produced films of Democracy in the working and of the kind of world we hope to build when this war is over. In 12 months we could have put on the screens across the world 50 films of British outlook, British strength and British heroism. But does this rest with the M. of I., or with the Foreign Office, the Department of Overseas Trade, or perhaps the Armed Services themselves?

Neither the R.A.F. nor the Navy has an official Film Unit. News reels are sometimes given facilities. But it cannot be stressed too often that newsreel cameramen "shoot" for the special job of Stop Press news and their stuff is

It has made films of British bloodstock and Thames shipping and has now films being made about Lloyd's and Art in Industry. But if it is suggested that these are hardly the films that Americans or Argentinians or Japanese or Siamese expect to see of the

By
Paul Rotha

British people with their backs to the wall, the British Council can shrug its gentlemanly shoulders and refer to its pledge to make only "cultural" films.

How many films in 12 months on "political" subjects, then, has the M. of I. made specifically for foreign showing? The answer: must be on the secret list; we must

seldom suitable for considered propaganda. The Army has a Film Unit of two men at home and two abroad. None of them is a producer or director and they have no commission to do other than act as a sort of extra newsreel unit.

Some of their film is put into vaults for "Mr. Posterity," as official records are jocularly called, and some offered to the newsreels by whom it is consistently rejected, not because it is poor but because the newsreels have already covered the items.

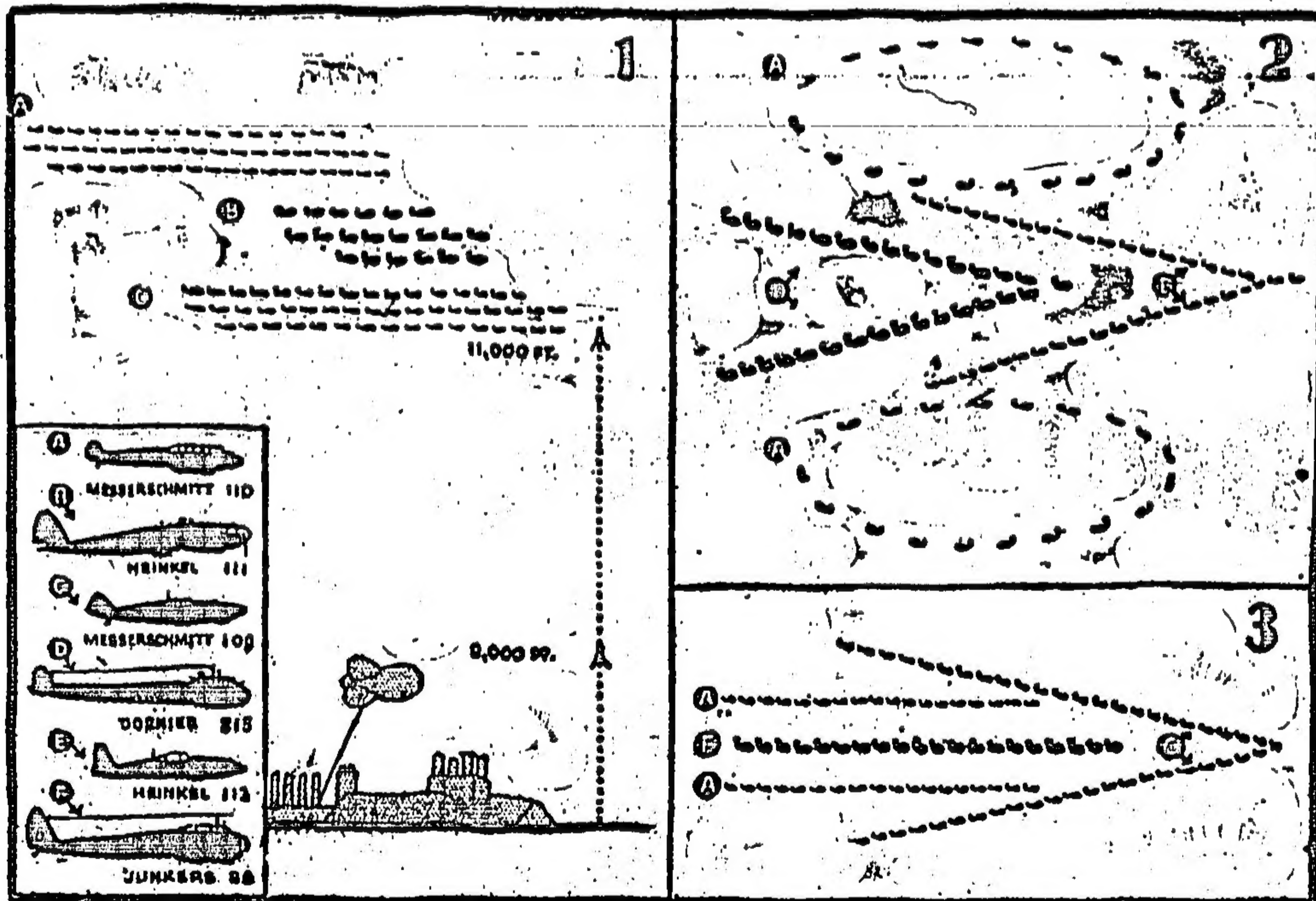
So we may well ask, with the Americans and the Argentinians, where are the films of the Men of the Tank Corps, the Big Guns, the Service Corps and the Infantry? Where is the day-to-day drama of bomber squadrons taking off into the dusk?

When asked to explain this astonishing failure to use British films to tell the world, the convenient reply is "The Treasury won't give money for films." But I wonder if this is the only reason? Do those in whose power it rests to order such films really have the will to make them? Are they anxious to reflect what the Press calls the Will of the People? Are they eager to tell neutrals that Britain is changing from the status quo that led to Munich?

Can this avoidance of facts be why the British Council makes films of Oxford, the City of Learning, and British bloodstock and not of bomber pilots and destroyer ratings? And, most important of all, of the British people at war on their own hearths? Or is it the simpler reason that these official bodies still have no real contact with the spirit of the people whose war it is?

Just before the war a brilliant satire was written on the British film industry called "Nobody Ordered Wolves." Better than any balance-sheets or bankruptcy courts it showed why the British film trade fell into disrepute. Someone had better get busy to-day on a book about the official film activity of the war. They can call it "Nobody Ordered Films."

How The Raiders Come



THESE diagrams attempt to answer a most difficult question. Many people want to know what tactics the German air force employs when its squadrons attack Britain.

They want to know whether the enemy aircraft arrive over the coast approaches in formation, and what are those formations. Also, they want to know how the enemy uses fighters to protect his bombers.

The enemy is full of tricks, and is not at all bound by convention or habit. He'll try anything once. So the German bombers with their attendant fighters cross the Channel in varying numbers, in all sorts of formations.

One thing is clear. The Germans have discovered at great cost just how vulnerable their bombers are to our fighters. Their bombers are now protected by enormous masses of fighters. Often the bombers are protected by five times their number of fighters.

Diagram (1) is a side-shot over a town like Dover. Some 20 Heinkel He.111 bombers have come over in the sandwich formation. They are the ham in a Messerschmidt sandwich. Above and below them fly layers or slices of Me.109 fighters—50 fighters to the slice. Not shown in the elevation picture are the other fighters with a roving commission. These are Messerschmidt 110 twin-engined fighters. Several single machines are flying on the flanks of the sandwich formation ready to defend it against attack.

This formation will be held until the coast is reached, when the bombers will break up into several small groups and go their several ways, each with a share of the fighter escort. The twin-engined fighters either hang about looking for British fighters or return home.

It does not always happen just like this because the R.A.F. often interfere with the German plans. Now turn to diagrams (2) and (3). These are either worm or

bird's eye views. In diagram (2) a formation of Dornier 215 bombers is being escorted to Britain. The bombers fly in arrow head formation. In front and above fly guardian Heinkel H.3 single-seat fighters, twice as many fighters as bombers. On the flanks groups of Messerschmidt 110's fly about on the merry-go-round plan, looking for the trouble they will inevitably find.

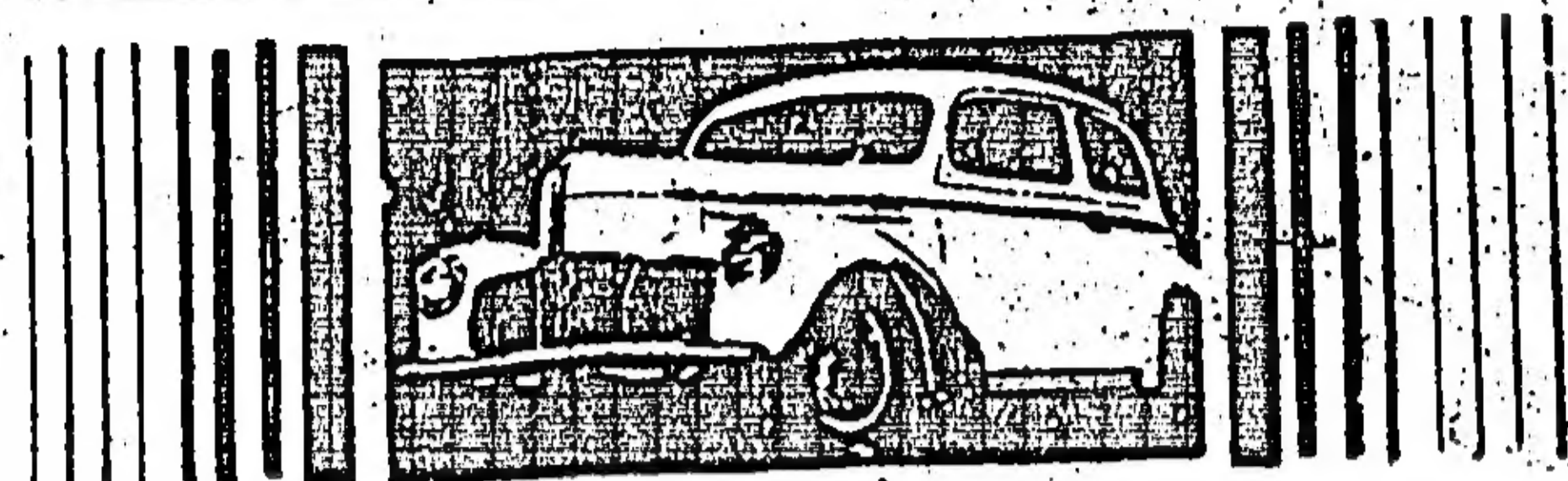
Diagram (3) follows the same general idea, but the Junkers Ju. 88 bombers are flying in line astern. In front and above fly the Me.109's. For the protection of the flanks and the rear of the bomber formation Messerschmidt 110's also fly in line astern, above the bombers but below the arrow-head of fighters.

With all their varying formations, the Germans like to send over separate groups of fighters to act as decoys, intended to divert the attention of our fighters from the following formation and to draw the fire of our guns.

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PILOT CAUGHT BY VILLAGERS IN A BLANKET

WE'VE A NEW GAME down here at Hell's Corner—chasing Nazi parachuting pilots, writes a correspondent.

Every one who sees a parachute come down races to the spot where he thinks it will land in an effort to be the captor. There were three more in this area. I got the stories of two of them from a captain who won these two races.

He saw one parachute coming down, jumped into his car and said to his driver: "Off we go, hell for leather." Sixty miles an hour along ten miles of country lanes and he found the Nazi hanging helpless, his parachute entangled in a tree.

He got help from other people, and they held out a blanket, in a fireman's rescue act while one of them climbed a tree and cut the Nazi loose. He tumbled into the blanket.

Near A Church

All this near a village church. The enemy said he could speak only a few words of English. The captain didn't believe it, and gave him two Sunday papers which told of Saturday's German air losses.

After reading a few paragraphs the Nazi said: "This is all untrue!" The captain's comment was: "I thought you didn't know English."

You couldn't guess what happened next. Strong country voices raised in harmonious praise came out of the open church windows into the hot summer scene.

The German's mouth opened in bewilderment. Here in our front line country folk were singing: "Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war."

Then the British captain went to lunch. Halfway through he heard another plane crash. Into his car again, and he captured his second parachutist.

He was the pilot of a medium bomber which had crashed in flames. The other member of the crew was dead.

This live one didn't believe either how the Luftwaffe is suffering in this offensive.

A third Nazi pilot, scared to death when he first landed, later became normal, and later said he had never been so kindly treated. He spoke feelingly of the treatment he had had in hospital, and issued a general invitation to the hospital staff to visit him in his villa beside the Rhine when the war is over.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO

Members of the Dutch colony in London who attended the special service in their little church in the City in honour of Queen Wilhelmina's sixtieth birthday, could look upon a memorial tablet to Grotius, the first great international lawyer.

In was unveiled by Lord Atholone only eighteen months ago. The Queen was represented on that occasion by her Foreign Minister. The Lords Halifax and Macmillan made eloquent appeals for the settlement of prevailing disputes by arbitration such as Grotius had suggested.

German delegates arrived in full force and rendered lip service to the cause of peace.

It was the first big service held in the church since the unveiling.

Silent Prayer

Queen Wilhelmina is perturbed about the fate of her octogenarian chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Welter, who married her, christened and married Princess Juliana, and also christened the Princess's first child.

He had long been one of the most trusted advisers of the Royal house, and his slight, bearded figure was frequently seen at the Queen's luncheon table.

Dr. Welter is a profound scholar and a great authority on the Dutch Reformed Church. The Nazis in Holland forbid prayers for the Queen and the Royal family. When a minister reaches the place

R. A. F. REPLY TO NAZIS

The German attacks on London in the main take the form of promiscuous bombing. At night the raiders are so high that even when legitimate targets are aimed at a hit is only secured by chance.

It is not the intention of the R.A.F. to bomb Berlin or any other city promiscuously. Such an offensive is considered by the highest military authorities in Great Britain and the United States to be not merely barbarous but unprofitable.

Many thousands of people are saying: "We must do the same to Berlin as the Germans are doing to London."

Neither the German air force in their night raids on Britain nor the R.A.F. in their night raids on Germany suffer heavy casualties. There is, therefore, little prospect of a decision other than by destroying the enemy's means of attack. The R.A.F. will continue with ever-increasing weight to damage the enemy's aircraft factories and munition factories, oil stores and aerodromes.

Will Go On

The enemy is concentrating his efforts on his present raids, and it is a hopeful sign that he is not able simultaneously to attack in force in any other direction; but the hope that this phase can be brought to an early end is unfounded. The German air force has been hit very hard and its resources have been impaired. There may be some shortage of fuel, and not an unlimited supply to plane crews.

Any way it is obviously incapable of attacking with the weight and numbers that were fully expected a year ago. Yet he will go on, and with lengthening hours of darkness the opportunity for promiscuous bombing will improve.

Weather will give us periods of respite; but here again the enemy has the advantage of shorter distance to travel. As a consequence he will sometimes be able to attack during gales which may prevent the R.A.F. from going so far as Berlin. But our defences are being strengthened, and also scientifically improved. As to the civilian population every day sees them more determined.

in the service where the prayer used to be said he maintains silence and he and the congregation pray inaudibly.

YARD HUNT SKYLIGHT SPY LIGHTS

The Secret Service and Special Branch detectives are cooperating on inquiries into reports of lights and even flares being shown near munition works and airfields during air raids in various parts of Britain.

Scotland Yard special branch have since the intensification of London air raids, been inundated with complaints of alleged signalling. While most of the cases are due to carelessness, full investigation is being made.

A number of the complaints deal with lights seen showing from the top floors in the West End, rooms which are sometimes occupied by people of foreign nationalities.

The possibility that Fifth Columnists may endeavour to obtain such favourable positions for signalling cannot be overlooked. In the meantime West End police are concerned about air raid roof parties which are becoming a menace.

The Commissioner of Police is contemplating granting new powers, by which it will be possible for police officers and wardens to raid these roof parties which are becoming a menace as torches and matches are used.

BLONDE KILLED BY SIREN SLAYER

SIRENS WERE SOUNDING the "All clear" as a twenty-three-year-old blonde, Jean Brown, was lying murdered in her basement flat at Plymouth. People sitting on the stairs above heard nothing of what happened in the flat.

The dead woman was discovered—by a man who lived in another flat—lying fully dressed on the floor near her bed. She had been strangled.

Deputy Chief Constable W. T. Hutchings, with other C.I.D. officers, searched all night for clues. The woman, unmarried, had lived in the flat for two years. She was known as "Blondie" Strange.

She had a two-year-old daughter, Pamela, who was with relatives in the town.

Most of the evening she had spent in a public house, leaving at 10.15 with a sailor. Police visited barracks, questioning men who had been anywhere near the flat.

A friend said: "Jean was with me till she left the public house. Shortly before the 'All clear' sounded she got up to leave with a sailor."

"As she went past the door two other sailors said something and one stroked her hair. The sailor with her seemed to object to this and told the two others to come outside."

"All of them went into the passage and soon afterwards

Jean came back. She said there was going to be a fight and she wanted to go home. She went back into the passage and did not return."

Afraid Of Dark

Before she left she told a barmaid that she was afraid to go home in the dark because there were so many "roughs" in the streets.

Police are attempting to account for the woman's movements from the time she was seen to leave the public house to the time she died—only ten minutes according to the police surgeon's estimate.

The flat is only 200 yards from the public house. Mrs. Elizabeth Gulliford, who lives in the flat above that in which the murder was committed, said: "I was sitting on the stairs during the raid alarm and heard no one go into the flat below. A man has been detained."

CLOSER LINKS WITH U.S. ON DEFENCE

WARM APPROVAL HAS been expressed in the United States for the tightening of what Mr. Churchill calls the "association of interests" between the United States and the British Commonwealth through the defence negotiations with Canada and the United Kingdom.

It was unfortunate that the events called forth a suggestion in London that they looked to the signing of a military alliance. Mr. Churchill's speech described precisely the status of the relations.

Inevitably, in a world where the United States as well as the United Kingdom is alone the relation must get closer. But the movement on the American side will be gradual, especially in this election year, and any anticipation of the form the relations might take eventually is as unwise as it is premature. Sufficient that every week marks progress.

Of first importance is the economic tie. Data released this week bear out the description in the Commons of the great amount of munitions imported from America. It is even charged in New York that American manufacturers are giving British orders preference over American orders.

The fact is that many contracts for domestic equipment are held up by the argument over taxation. A Bill embodying an excess profits tax and permission to business men to write off new plant expansion rapidly is still the subject of controversy within a Congressional Committee.

Significant Change

In the diplomatic field, where policy is on a twenty-four hour basis, American mails via Transatlantic Clipper are again being routed through Bermuda, and this is of vast import to Britain. It means that American mails along this route will once again be subjected to British censorship.

Objections to such interference in the early days of the war prompted the Pan-American Airways to omit Bermuda as a port of call. Now the reinstatement is issued simultaneously with the news that Washington no longer has any objections to the Bermuda censorship. In anticipation of the step, which will intensify the financial and economic blockade of Germany and Italy, a hundred new censors have just arrived at Hamilton.

Perhaps the increasing signs of improvement in Washington-Moscow relations may be set down as evidence of British-American alignment. It is certainly pointed enough, so pointed, indeed, that Tokyo is showing signs of alarm. Ambassador Horinouchi has been recalled from Washington, and his place may be taken, according to news from Japan, by a Japanese industrial statesman.

How far the United States will go towards Moscow is problematical. Perhaps only so far as to scare the Japanese or, in other words, to fortify the vigorous diplomacy of protest which is still being directed at Tokyo.

It is interesting that the United States seems to be cutting new ground in this kind of opportunist diplomacy as well as in military engagements.

Methods Of Help

The Presidential campaign is being monopolised by Mr. Willkie, but the President will not lose any publicity by his silence. He can always capture the headlines on his job, and any move in the international field is sure to push Mr. Willkie aside, as was almost done in the conversations with Mr. Mackenzie King. This got parallel attention with Mr. Willkie's acceptance speech. It is thought that Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, who is now in Canada, may be working out some method of aid-

ing Canada in financing its war effort. This might be done through a currency agreement.

Loans are envisaged, too, for though Canada is excluded from the American money market as a belligerent, repeal of the ban so far as the Dominion is concerned has already passed the House in a clause attached to a Bill for enlarging the capital of the Export Import Bank.

So Canada may become much more than an interpreter's house as the result of the new United States-Canadian arrangements. A joint interest is arising between Britain and America, in Arthur Krock's words, in which "individual concessions become common and essential assets."

PREMIER IN DOCKLAND

The Prime Minister was in the East End of London during the early part of a recent night's air raid. Business kept him in Downing Street until the early evening, when he set out on an informal tour of Dockland.

Everywhere he went Mr. Churchill was quickly recognised and given a most enthusiastic reception. Crowds gathered around him shouting "Good old Winston."

"Cheer up. We are winning," was Mr. Churchill's remark to one East End woman. His tour had not concluded when the alarm was sounded. He stayed for a time, in the East End before returning to Downing Street.

TRIBUTE TO MERCHANT NAVY BY FIRST LORD

MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, First Lord of the Admiralty, writes: As First Lord of the Admiralty, it is one of my major tasks to employ the might of the Royal Navy to safeguard the great ocean convoys, and the scarcely less important coastal convoys, and to ensure that they continue in and out of our ports, despite the relentless efforts of the enemy to destroy them.

It is not unnatural, therefore, that I should welcome the opportunity of saying a brief word about its work during the first year of war.

"Magnificent"

That work has been consistently magnificent. The movement of our convoys has continued steadily and without interruption. This has been possible because we have been able to count upon the Merchant Navy willingly facing any danger with which our convoys might be threatened.

But they have been ready to face danger far worse than this. Not all ships have been conveyed; thousands of voyages have been made by gallant crews through the dangerous areas out into the oceans, relying on their own use of the defensive armament which we have supplied to them, and on their own superb seamanship. They have learned to man their own defences with skill, and, whenever necessity

150 GO TO GAOL SHIP

Till War Ends

Armoured vehicles and 100 police carrying rifles escorted ten buses containing 150 interned men for part of a 130-mile journey from Londonderry to Strangford, County Down.

The men were on their way from Londonderry gaol to a 5,000-ton prison ship, anchored in Strangford Lough. They will stay in the ship until the war ends.

Soldiers and policemen guarded the route from the jail to the barracks, where the prisoners were sorted for the journey to Strangford.

All streets near the prison were closed by barbed wire entanglements; people had to show identity cards; streets adjoining the prohibited area were barricaded.

Prisoners, and police armed with rifles, sat in alternate seats in the buses. Before and after every bus was a police tender full of armed men.

Anti-British songs were sung by the prisoners, but people in the streets were silent as the buses passed.

The interned men—suspected leaders of an outlawed organisation—will soon be joined by 104 others now in Belfast gaol.

"SERIOUS DEFECTS" IN U.S. ARMY

A remarkable allegation about the poor condition of the United States Army was made in the New York "Times."

Mr. Hanson Baldwin, who contributes the article, says that the recent army manoeuvres disclosed "inadequate equipment, a high percentage of 'green' officers, raw recruits in all units of the Regular Army and National Guard, and serious deficiencies in staff and command work even in the elementary fundamentals of soldiering."



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BRIDGE NOVELS

By The Four Aces

Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 15

We'll help the members of the Crime Club by announcing that South committed the crime on the hand below. The bidding was a trifle optimistic but not censurable, and the opening lead was favourable. But South forsook the straight and narrow path of Bridge virtue:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q J 4
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A J 10 9
♣ Q J

♠ A 10 9 8
♥ 6 5 2
♦ K 5
♣ 10 9 8 7

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♠ 7 2
♥ 4
♦ Q 7 6 3 2
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

♠ 6 5 3
♥ A K Q J 10 9
♦ 8 4
♣ A K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the ten of clubs, not dreaming that a diamond lead would have stopped South dead in his tracks. South won with the King of clubs and drew the adverse trumps. He then led a low spade, West ducked, and dummy won with the Jack. A club to the Ace put South in for another spade lead towards dummy. But West ducked again, and dummy won with the Queen.

Now South's only chance was that the Ace of spades would drop, so he led a low spade from the dummy. But West won with the ten of spades and led the Ace. South ruffed, of course, but had to surrender a diamond later on, thus losing the Slam.

What was South's crime? Decide for yourself before reading on.

South committed his crime when he drew the third round of trumps. He should have foreseen the possible need of getting back to his own hand from the dummy. Correct play is to draw only two trumps and then lead a spade. Dummy wins and South gets back by leading the third trump at this point. Another spade is ducked by West again, and dummy wins and returns a club to South's Ace. Now South can lead spades for third time from the South hand, and West can do nothing to defeat the contract.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ 9
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 4 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. This bid shows moderate strength and support for any suit but hearts. If your values are not shown at this point, it is likely that you will never again have a safe chance to show them.

Score 100% for one no-trump, 30% for pass.

Question No. 549

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 8 6 5 3
♥ 8
♦ K 5 3
♣ K 4 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Male
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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REICH STRIPPING FRANCE BARE

GERMANY IS stripping France bare, taking what the Germans want and, when they pay for what they seize, it is with restricted marks that are not worth anything, according to Dr. Charles Bove, chief surgeon of the American Hospital in Paris.

"That is the great tragedy," Dr. Bove, who arrived in New York aboard the steamship Excambion of the American Export Lines, after more than 20 years in France, said.

"They are taking the best of everything, I never crossed into unoccupied France, but I know that in the occupied section Frenchmen are convinced that Germany will go ahead when she is good and ready and take over the whole country. They are playing with the Vichy Government, but when they are ready, they will crush the entire country. Right now they have about 2,500,000 soldiers spread over occupied France and there isn't a

foot of it without a German soldier in charge."

The French people are "numbed and in a daze," he declared, and are now waiting for "a miracle to happen to save them."

Dr. Bove said the Nazi Government was sending thousands of German civilians into occupied France every day and charging their upkeep against occupation costs, which the French, under the terms of the armistice, must pay.

"They are coming in by truck-loads all the time," he continued. "I estimate that there are about 300,000 of them now in occupied France, and these thousands will be added to the war cost charged against the French and at the same time they will relieve the pressure in Germany."

Dr. Bove said he had travelled about 1,000 miles through occupied France and that the Germans had taken his motor car, a horse, and all his possessions. He found it best to return to the United States in view of this, he said, and because of reports in Europe that this country would soon enter the war on the side of Great Britain.

In the face of denials that Hitler had attempted an invasion of England, Dr. Bove declared the Germans had tried to cross the channel and that they had been repulsed with heavy losses.

AUSTRALIAN BOMBERS

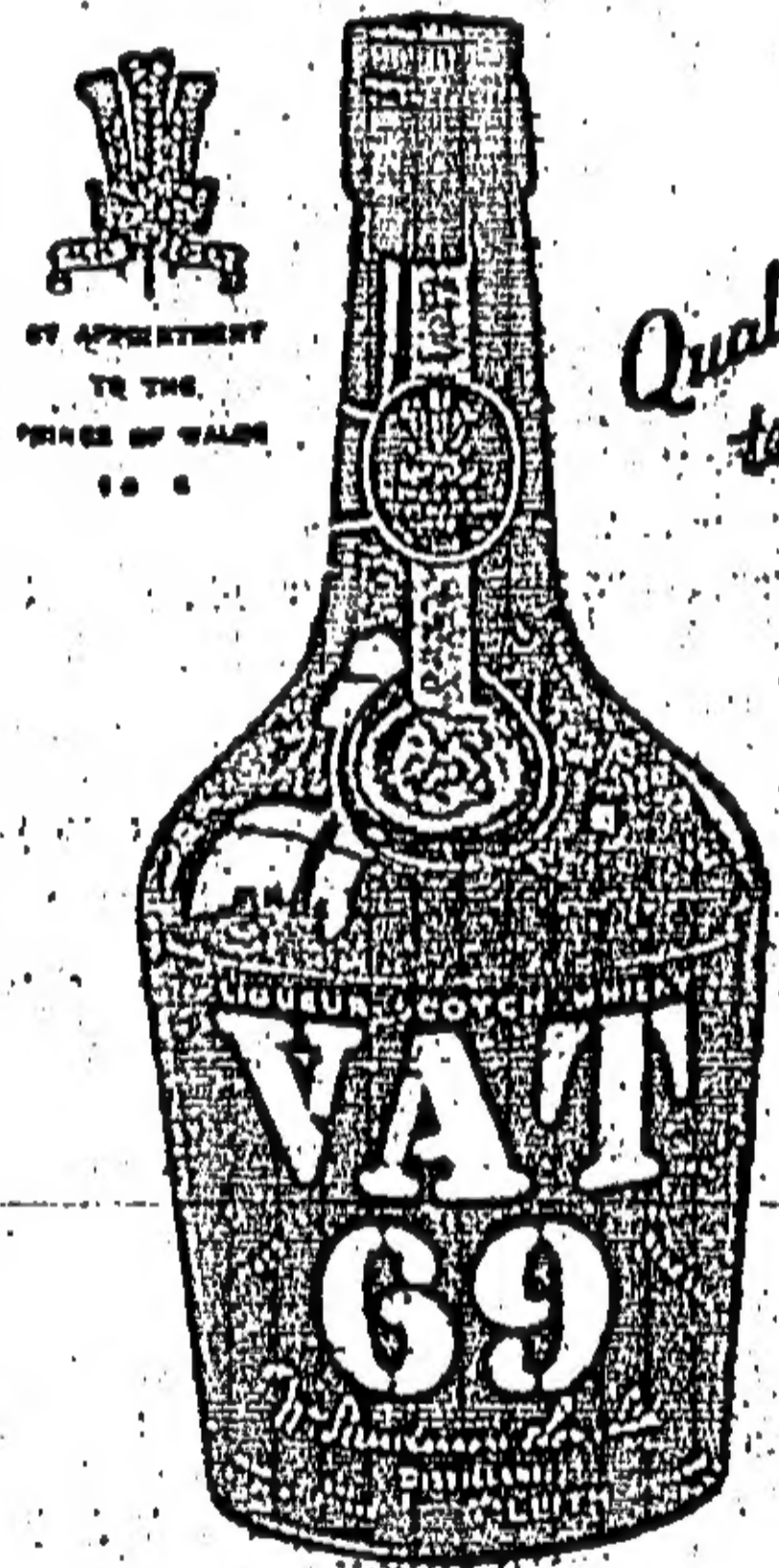
In the face of a succession of unforeseen difficulties, Bristol Beaufort bombers are to be produced in Australia at the rate of one a day toward the middle of next year. This undertaking was first suggested by the British air mission which visited the Commonwealth early in 1939. The United Kingdom and Commonwealth Governments agreed to place a joint order for 400 Beauforts to meet the needs of the United Kingdom in the Far East and of Australia, and the Commonwealth Government undertook to set up the necessary manufacturing organisation.

All plans for the industry were based on pre-war conditions. The Bristol Company was to supply plans, tools, jigs, 10 sets of fabricated parts, and 10 sets of raw materials for the building of the first 20 aircraft. The plans arrived after war had broken out, and had in consequence to be completely rechecked, and the Bristol Company found itself unable to provide any tooling. As a result 27,000 of the requisite 33,000 jigs and tools have been made in Australia. It was feared that some at least of the promised sets of parts and materials would be unobtainable, but the Air Ministry has now advised the Government that delivery will be completed as soon as practicable. The bombers were to have been equipped with British Taurus engines, which, with the outbreak of war, became unobtainable. It was then decided to adapt the Beaufort airframes to carry American-type twin-row Wasp engines and to manufacture these in Australia, and a factory for their production is now in course of erection.

An Intricate Undertaking

Thus, in spite of all the complications inseparable from war, the intricate undertaking is proceeding almost to the air mission's schedule. The first airframe should be delivered early next year, the production of engines will begin in the first half of 1941, and the order should be completed a year later. To make good the shortages of British supply the Government are seeking alternative supplies in the United States, and the pace of the undertaking will be largely determined by the success of this quest. A member of the Aircraft Commission has gone to New York to buy material and equipment, with the aid of the British Purchasing Commission, and it is expected that all essentials will be forthcoming. A number of Wasp engines have already been ordered in the United States, and inquiries are being made for more, as an insurance against unforeseen delays in the production of engines in Australia.

Work on the production of airframe and engine parts is proceeding at workshops in several States, at annexes to large engineering establishments and at many sub-contractors' premises. The project will employ some thousands of persons and will be the largest single manufacturing industry in Australia, the only organisation of comparable size being the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited. The foundations of an immense organisation were laid only a year ago. Probably in no other country in the world has an industry of such magnitude been started, from scratch in so short a time and in spite of so many obstacles.



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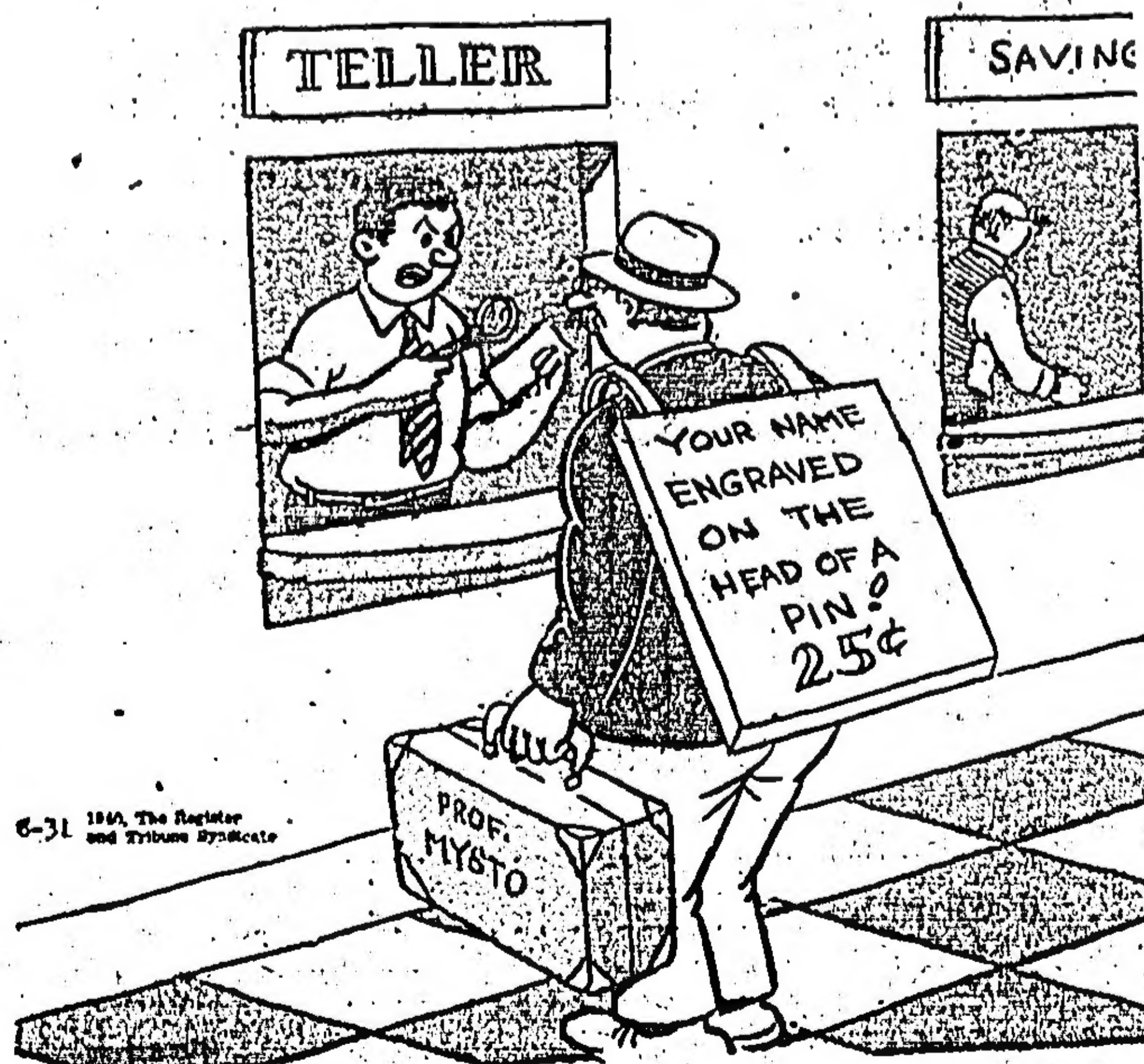
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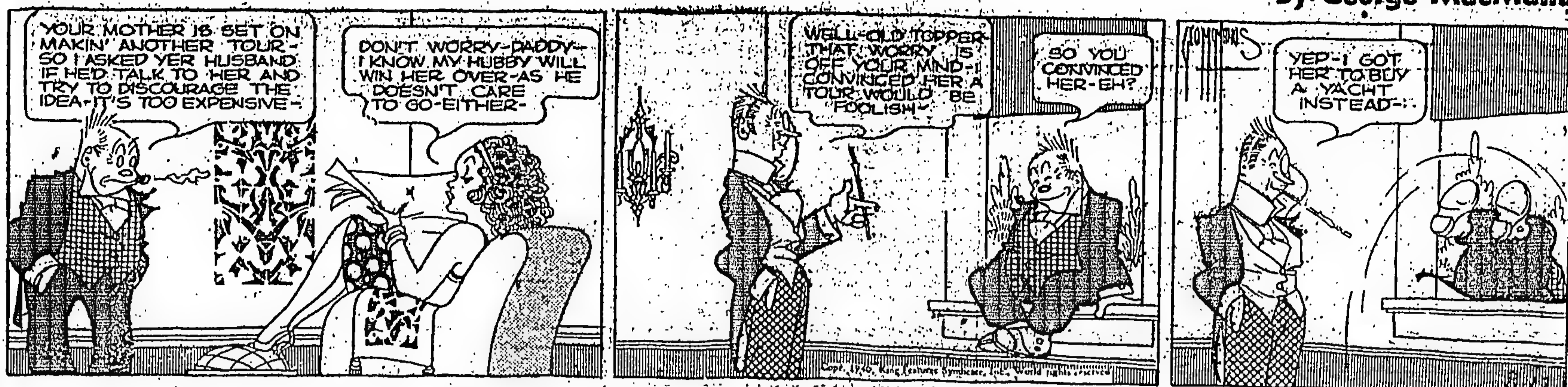
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

To Make A Child's Bedroom Slippers

The instructions will produce a pair to fit a child of about five years old. At the end, will tell you how to adapt them for a tiny baby, or for an older child.

You will need about 2 ounces of double knitting wool, and a pair of No. 7 needles. Start at the toe, casting on 16 stitches. Work into the backs of all stitches on cast-on rows to get firm edges. Do 14 rows of garter stitch (every row K), then turn, and pick up 7 stitches down the left side of the work. Cast on 18, turn and work back to the other side of the toe, then pick up 7 stitches, purl-wise, down the right side of the toe piece. Cast on 18, turn, and work back across the 66 stitches. Do 8 rows, 9th row K 24, K 2 together, K 14, K 2 together, K 24 (64 stitches). Now shape the heel, by decreasing 1 stitch at both ends of the following 5 rows, then cast off the remainder.

To make up, join the heel edges, and the seam down the middle of



the sole, very neatly. You can embroider a flower posy in gay coloured wools on the toe, if you like. Make the second slipper to match.

By using 3-ply wool and a pair of No. 12 needles, and following the same instructions, you can make a pair of shoes for a small baby. Ankle straps should be

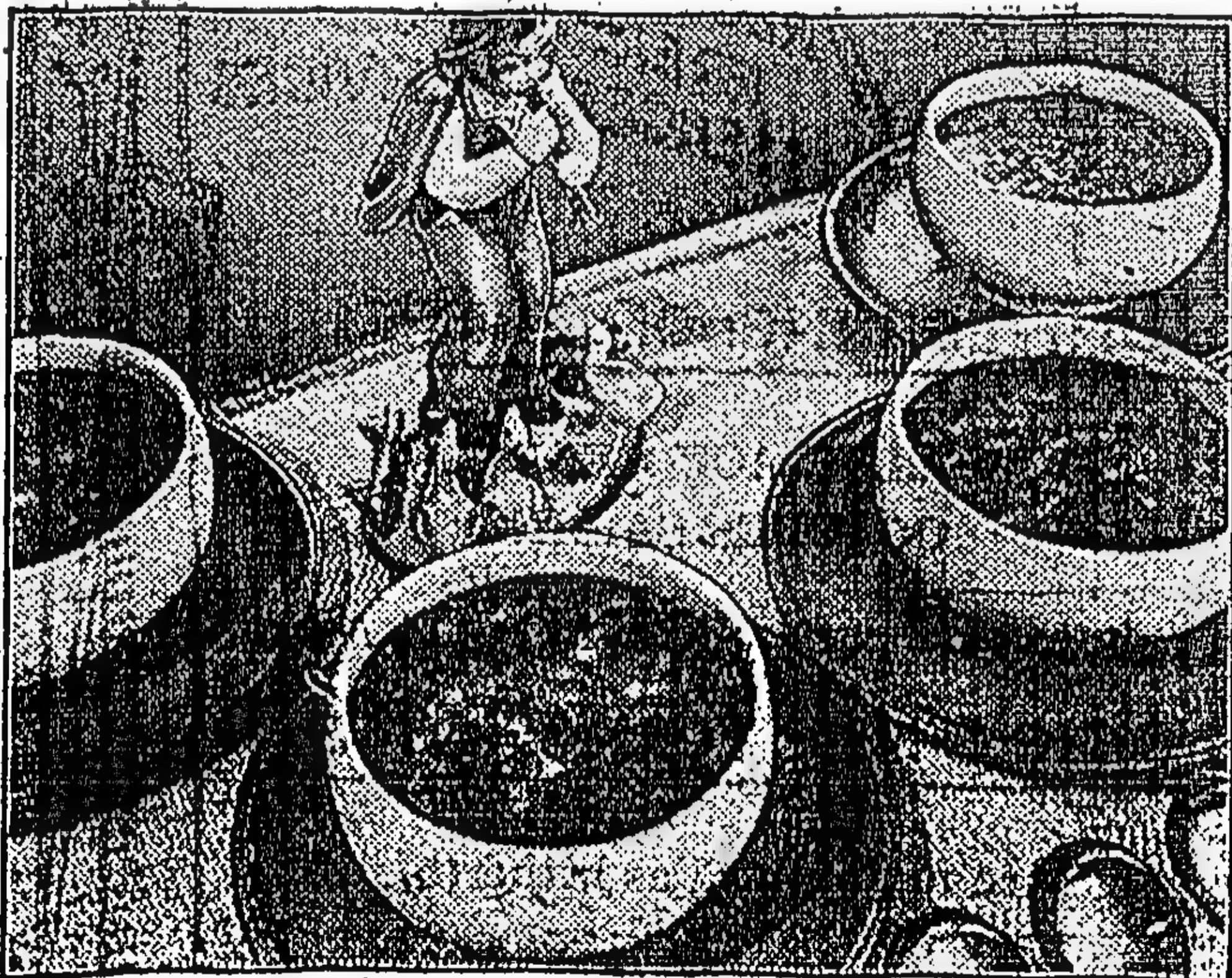
added to keep the shoes on baby's little kicking toes. To do this, after you have joined the heel edges, pick up 4 stitches on each side of the seam, then cast on 16 stitches. Work back, and cast on another 16 stitches. Work 2 rows on these 40 stitches. Next row make a buttonhole, thus: K 3, wool forward, K 2 together, K to end. Work 2 more rows, and cast off. When making the second ankle strap, reverse the position of the buttonhole by knitting to the 5th stitch before the end of the 3rd row, then doing the wool forward, K 2 together, K 3, as explained before. Sew a tiny button on the opposite edge of each strap.

For a bigger pair of slippers, start by casting on 18 or 20 stitches, using double knitting wool and No. 7 needles. Work 16 rows of garter stitch, pick up 8 stitches down each side of the toe, and cast on 20 or 22 stitches for each side of the slipper. Then proceed as explained. When you have finished the 8 rows (or 10 if wanted deeper) for the sides, K 19, if you've cast on 20 stitches or 21 if you've cast on 22 stitches, K 2 together, and K 16 or 18, according to whether the toe has 18 or 20 stitches in the original cast on row. This sounds a bit complicated, but it isn't really. When once you have tried out the instructions, you will see how easy it is to adapt them.

Stick-to-the-ribs SOUPS are comforting on chilly days

Dorothy Greig

WHEN there's a bite in the air and the family flocks in with that pinched blue look, that's the time to offer the warming comfort of hot soup. It chases chills.



Peasant Vegetable Soup for a cold day.

Serve it thick, generous with meat and vegetables; its aroma a rich promise of the hearty goodness beneath. The two soups suggested here are just such soups. They will fortify young and old alike against the slings and arrows of fall days.

Peasant Vegetable Soup

1 can condensed pea soup
1 can condensed vegetable soup
1 can water, using soup can for measure
1/2 cup milk

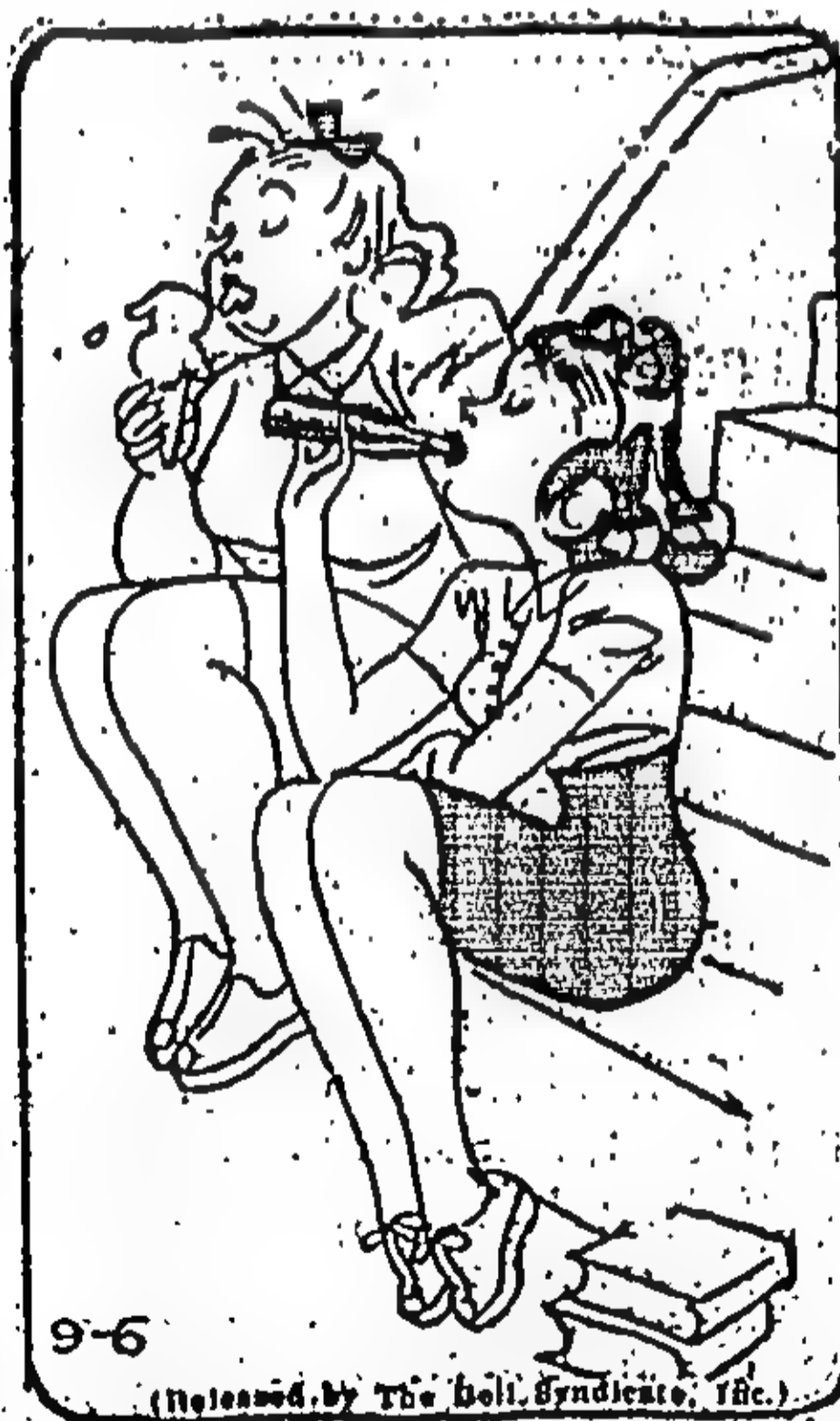
Combine the vegetable soup with the pea soup. Then add one can of

water and 1/2 cup of milk. Heat, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

Scotch Broth—Indian Style

4 teaspoons butter
4 teaspoons flour
1 can condensed Scotch broth
1 can water
1/2 - 1 teaspoon curry powder
(2 tablespoons water added)

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Then add the flour and cook until frothy. Add the Scotch broth, bring to a boil and simmer several minutes until thickened. Stir in the curry powder and serve. Serves 3-4.



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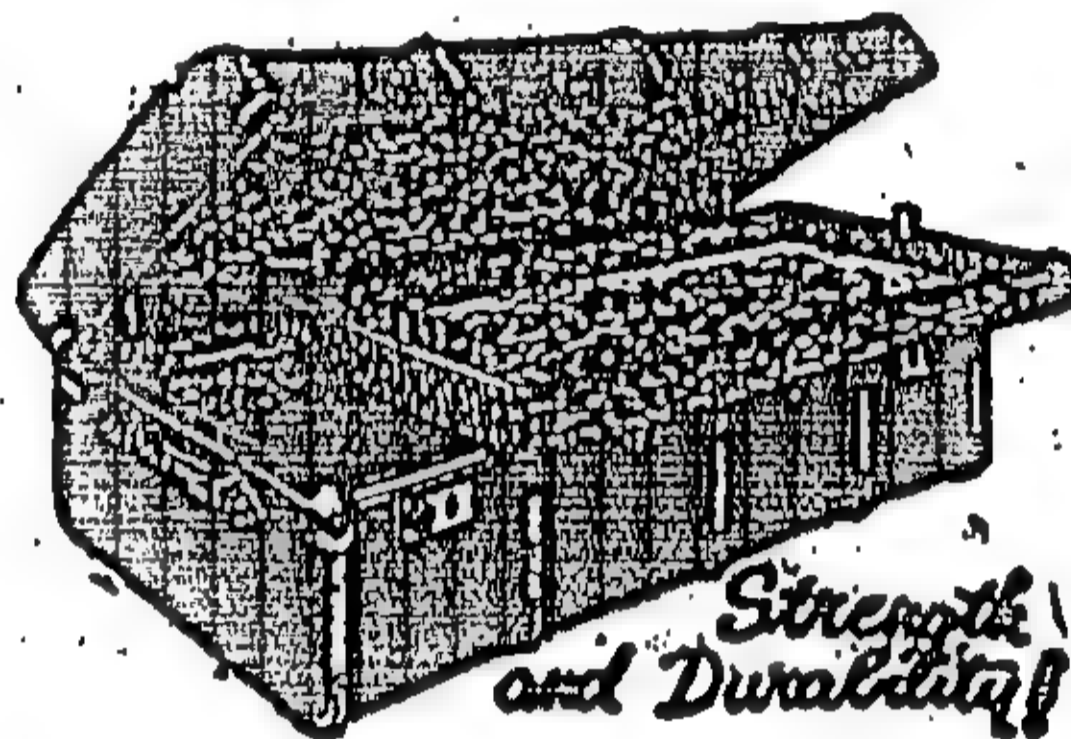
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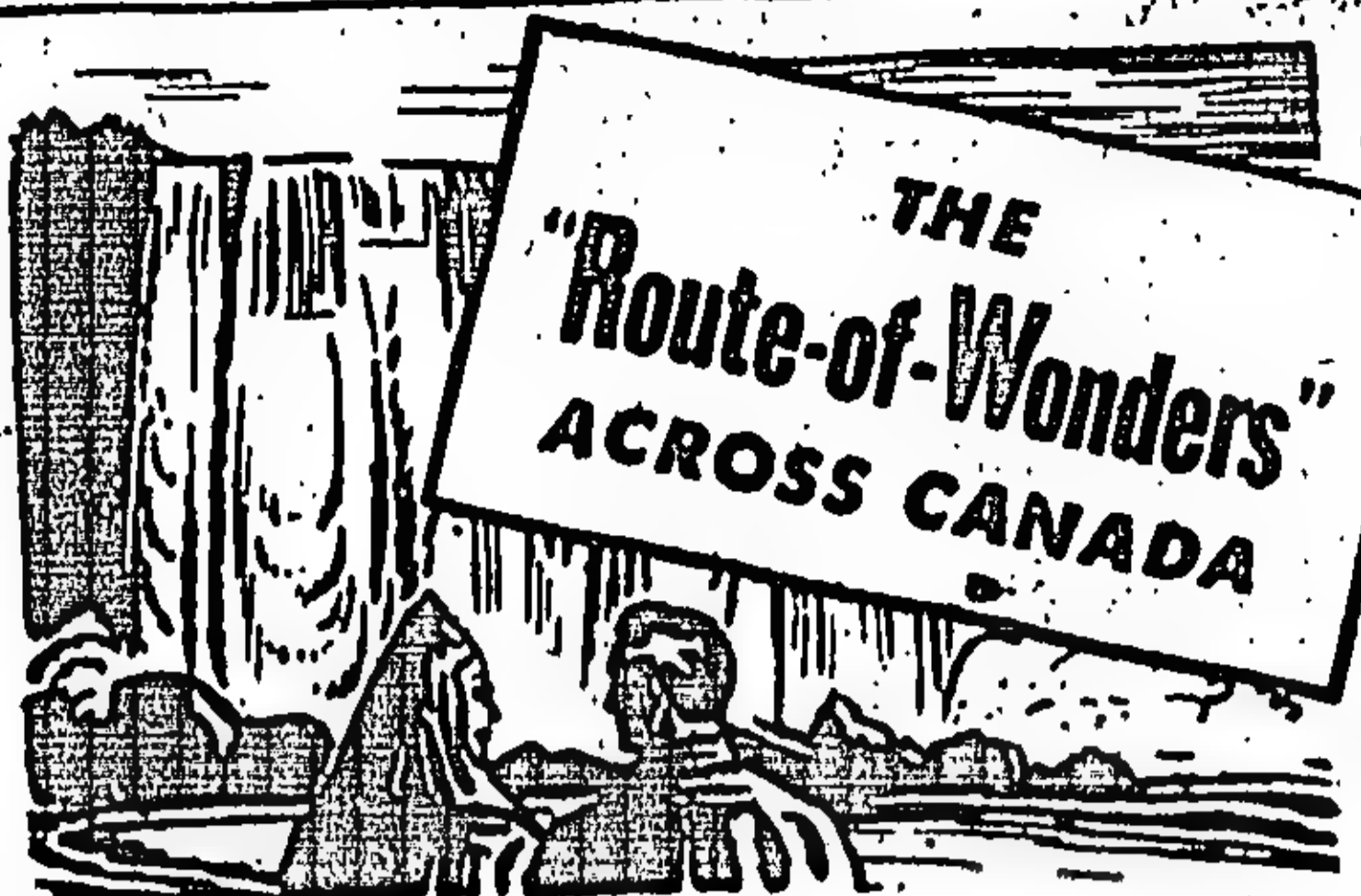
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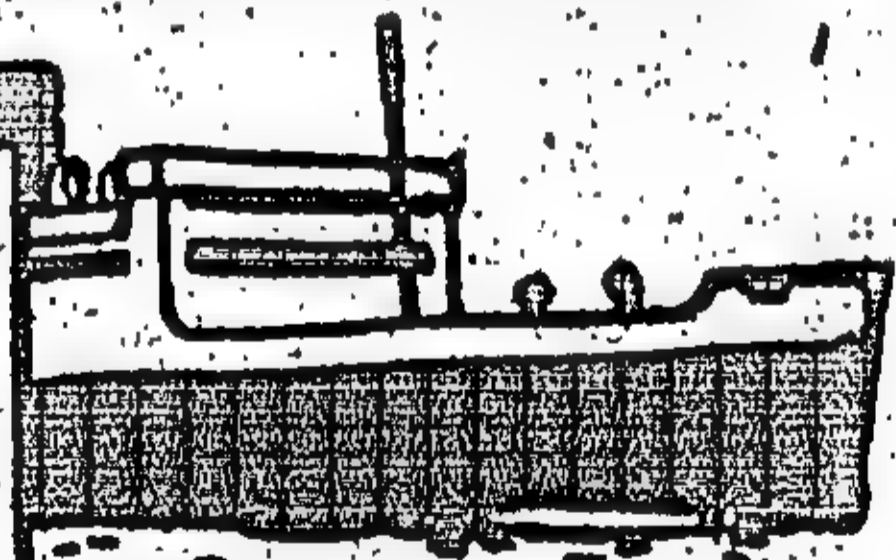
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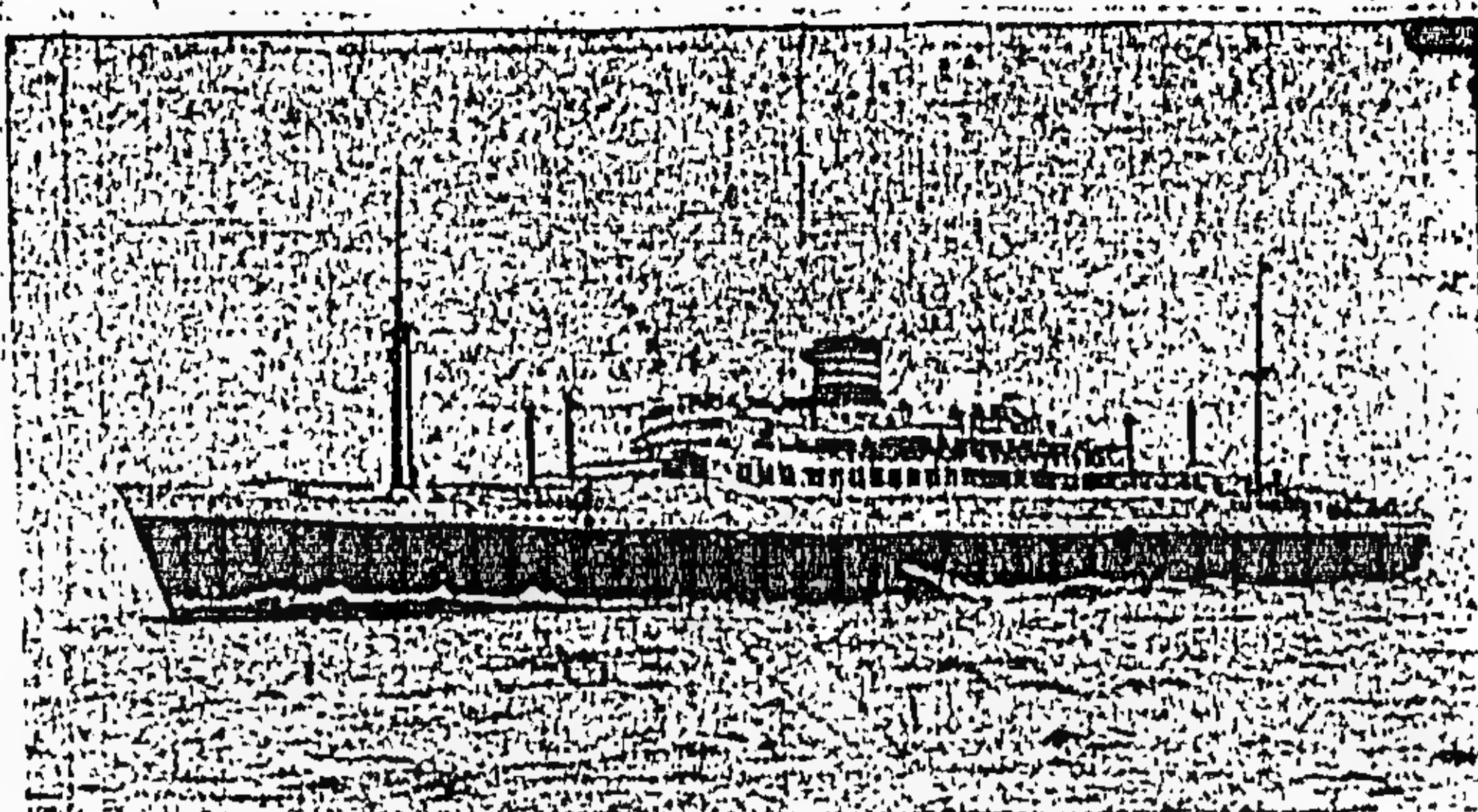
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Dohnanyi—Quartet in D Flat Major, Op. 15.
12.55 p.m.—Piano Solo by Vladimir Horowitz.
1.00 p.m.—Capriccio in F Minor (Dohnanyi).
1.03 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.21 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.
1.21 p.m.—Gerry Moore at the Piano.
1.30 p.m.—Router and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—The B.B.C. Dance Orch.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Chausson—Symphony in B Flat Major, Op. 20.
Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire.
6.33 p.m.—Songs by Hubert Elia del (Tenor).
6.43 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.45 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Dennis Noble (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Studio—A French Recital by Denise Carrell (Soprano) and A. T. Ley (Piano).
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk "Alarms and Excursions" by Dr. Winifred Gullis.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.
9.30 p.m.—A Czechoslovakian Programme with a Talk from the studio.
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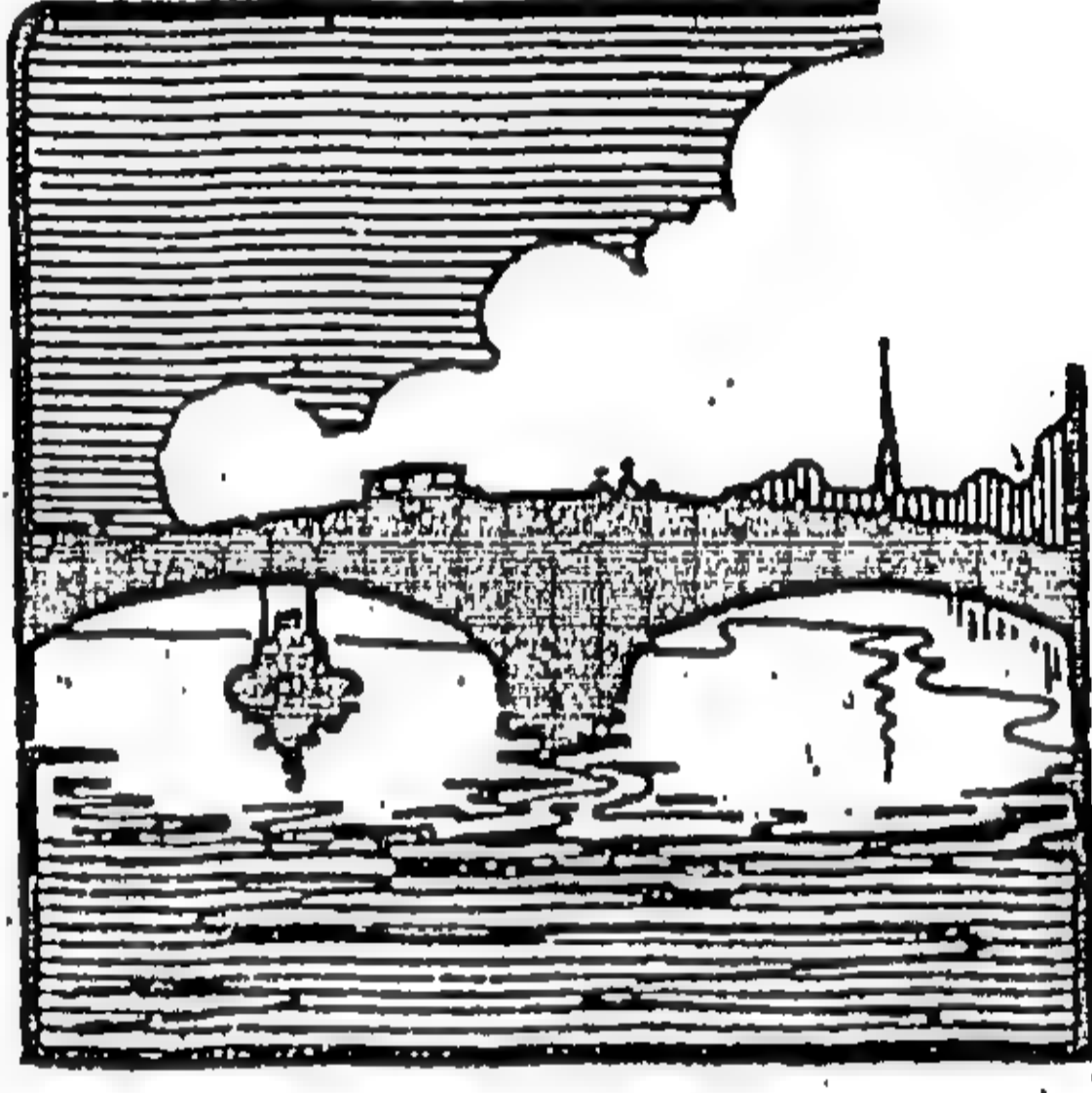
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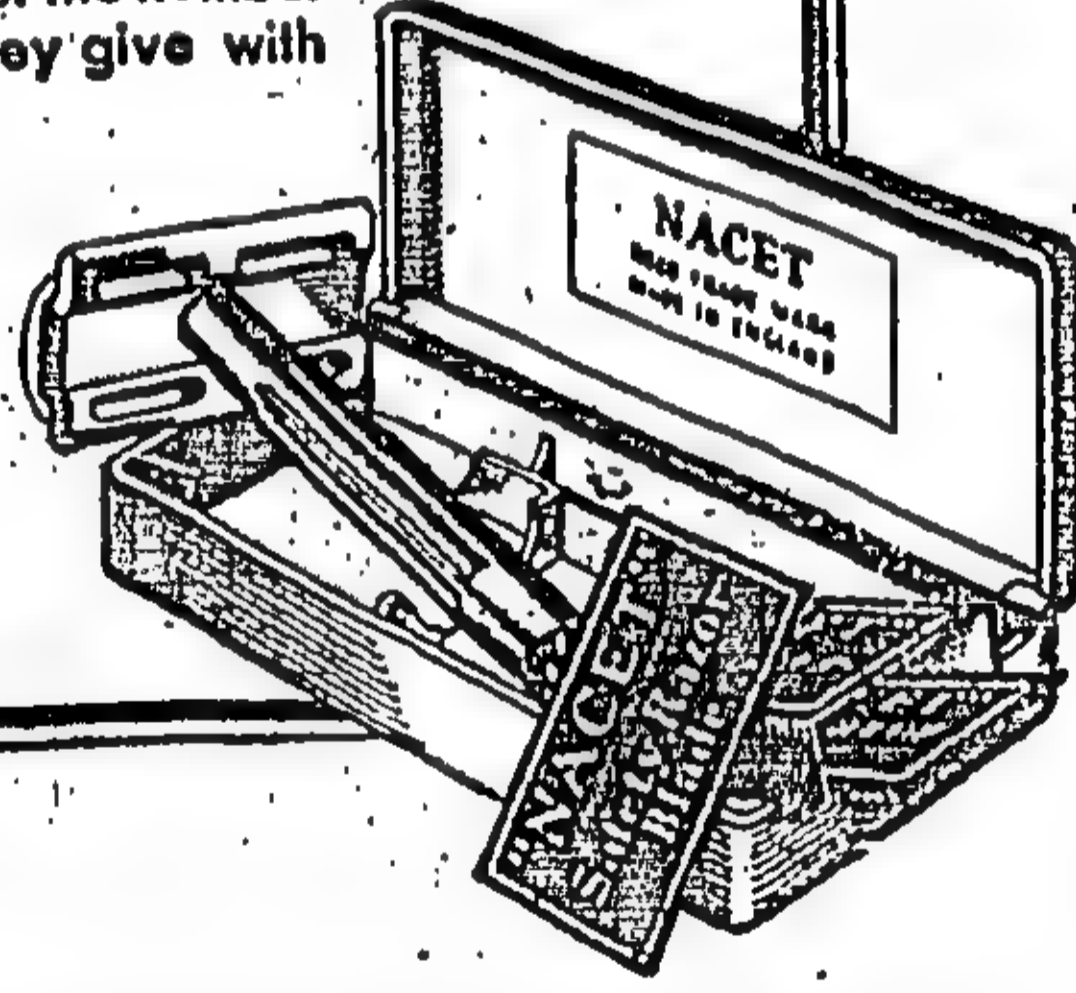
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PAN AMERICAN UNION AWAITS CANADA

A HIGH-BACKED mahogany chair inscribed with the word "Canada" and that country's coat-of-arms has gathered dust in the basement of the \$1,000,000 Pan American Union building in Washington for 30 years awaiting the Dominion's entrance into the American Family of Nations.

There is no official indication that the chair may be dusted off soon for the Canadian Ministers. Yet swift moving hemisphere developments have brought a defensive arrangement between the United States and Canada, and the Dominion has cast a speculative eye at Latin American markets to replace those lost in Europe. Lastly, the United States has leased a naval and air base in Newfoundland.

Canada's chair, stored since it was delivered in 1910, is only one of several indications that statesmen then looked to the day when the northernmost hemisphere government would join in solving American problems.

In the patio of Pan-Americanism's home, built through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie, the Canadian escutcheon hangs beside those of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the other 18 republics. The name "Champlain," the French explorer, appears with those of Washington, San Martin, Bolivar, Higgins and other national heroes of the other American nations.

Looking down on the oval mahogany council table in the Board of Governors' room of the Pan American union building is a panel depicting a historic meeting between Champlain and the Huron and Algonquin Indian chieftains.

John Barrett, seventh Director of the 50-year-old International Union of American Republics, who retired in 1920, described these preparations for possible Canadian membership in the Union in 1926. "When the present Pan American Union building... was being erected and we were planning the future as well as the present use of that temple of Pan Americanism," Barrett said, "I suggested to Fjihu Root, then Secretary of State and Chairman ex-officio of the Governing Board, that we should look into the future and consider the entrance of Canada into the Union and so prepare decorations and wordings which could not easily be changed later on."

"After consideration and consultation not only with President (Theodore) Roosevelt, but with eminent Latin American statesmen, he (Root) instructed me, first, to place the escutcheon of Canada in the patio, or court, alongside those of the United States and other American countries; second, to include a Canadian panel in the bronze frieze of the Governing Board Room; and third, to have a chair made carrying the name 'Canada' for the Governing Board room."

Expression of a similar thought is attributed to Carnegie, whose gift of \$750,000 made the building possible. Although there were only 21 members of the Union, 22 chairs were purchased. At the time the order was given, Carnegie said:

"I don't expect Canada to become a republic but I do expect her to join our Family of Nations sometime." Brazil was a monarchy when

the first conference of American states opened at Washington, but a revolution made it a republic before the closing session. It and another monarchy, "Kingdom of Hawaii," had been invited. The Hawaiian representative did not attend. Chile and the Dominican Republic did not become members of the Union until several years after its formation, and Cuba and the Republic of Panama joined as they gained their independence after 1900.

Carnegie's reference to Canada came many years before the Imperial Conference of 1926 and the 1931 Statute of Westminster gave the Dominion determination of its foreign policy.

WORKMEN'S TREASURE TROVE

The old feudal procedure in a case of "Treasure Trove" came into force recently when workmen, carrying out repairs to a cottage in the small village of Freefolk, in Hampshire, unearthed two jars full of gold coins. When emptied and counted these were found to total 358 sovereigns and 254 half-sovereigns. The dates on them ranged between 1821 and 1876.

The cottage is on Lord Portal's Lavertock estate, noteworthy for the fact that paper for Bank of England notes has been made here for many years. As no record of the owners of the cottage at that time could be found, the coroner was informed. He, according to the Coroner's Act of 1887 decided to hold an inquest. This was to inquire into "the circumstances of the finding, who the finders were and who was suspected thereof." He found that the coins were "treasure trove" and the Treasury was duly informed.

According to the law only gold and silver can be treasure trove, and it must be found in a place of evident concealment. The old feudal law gave the Sovereign power of disposal. Nowadays the finder is always generously treated and in this case the two finders will probably get a substantial share of their find. When the Sutton Hoo burial ship was found about a year ago in Suffolk, its hoard of valuable old plate and jewellery was declared "treasure trove" and was awarded to the owner of the land where it was discovered. She in turn presented it all to the British Museum.

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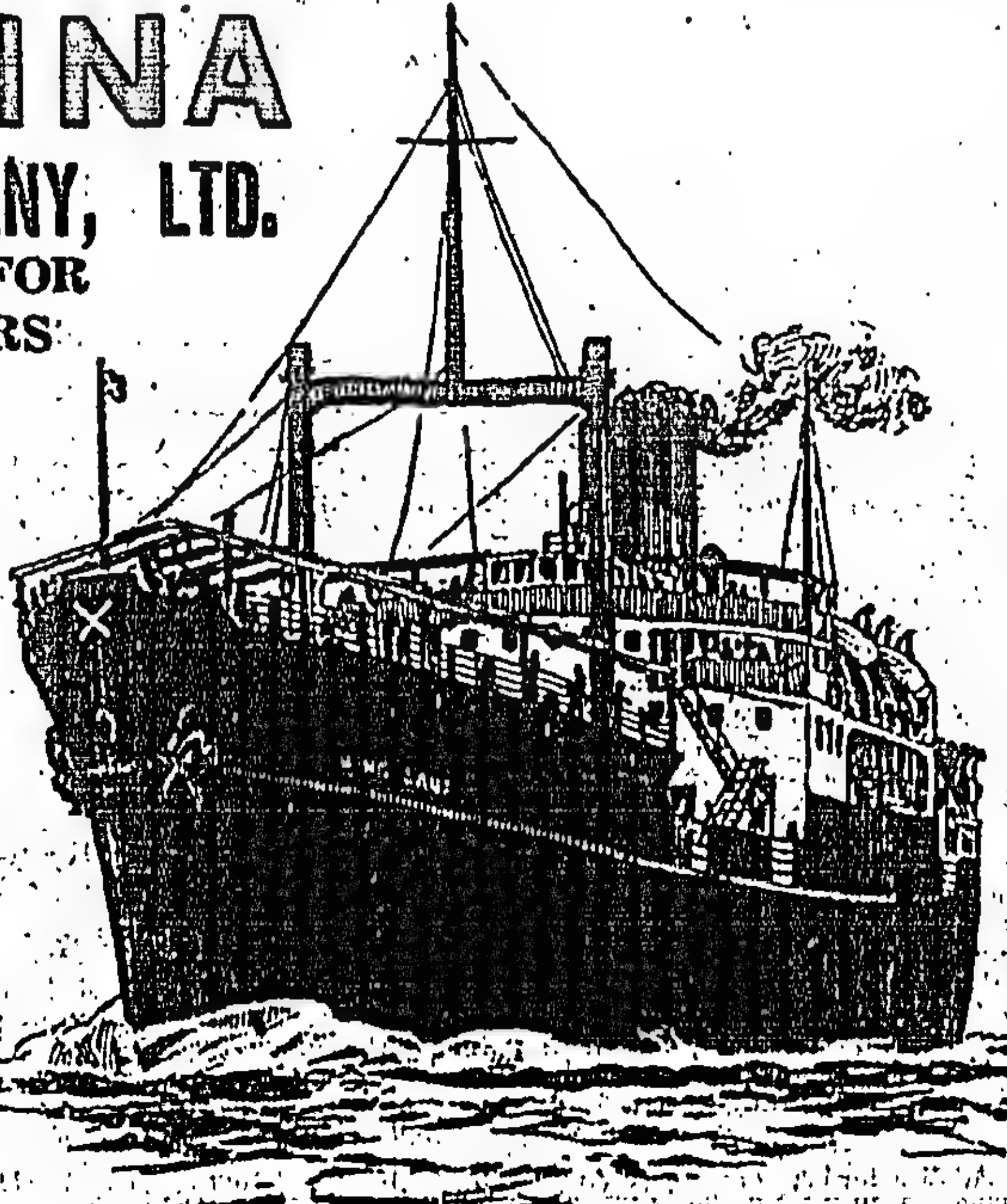
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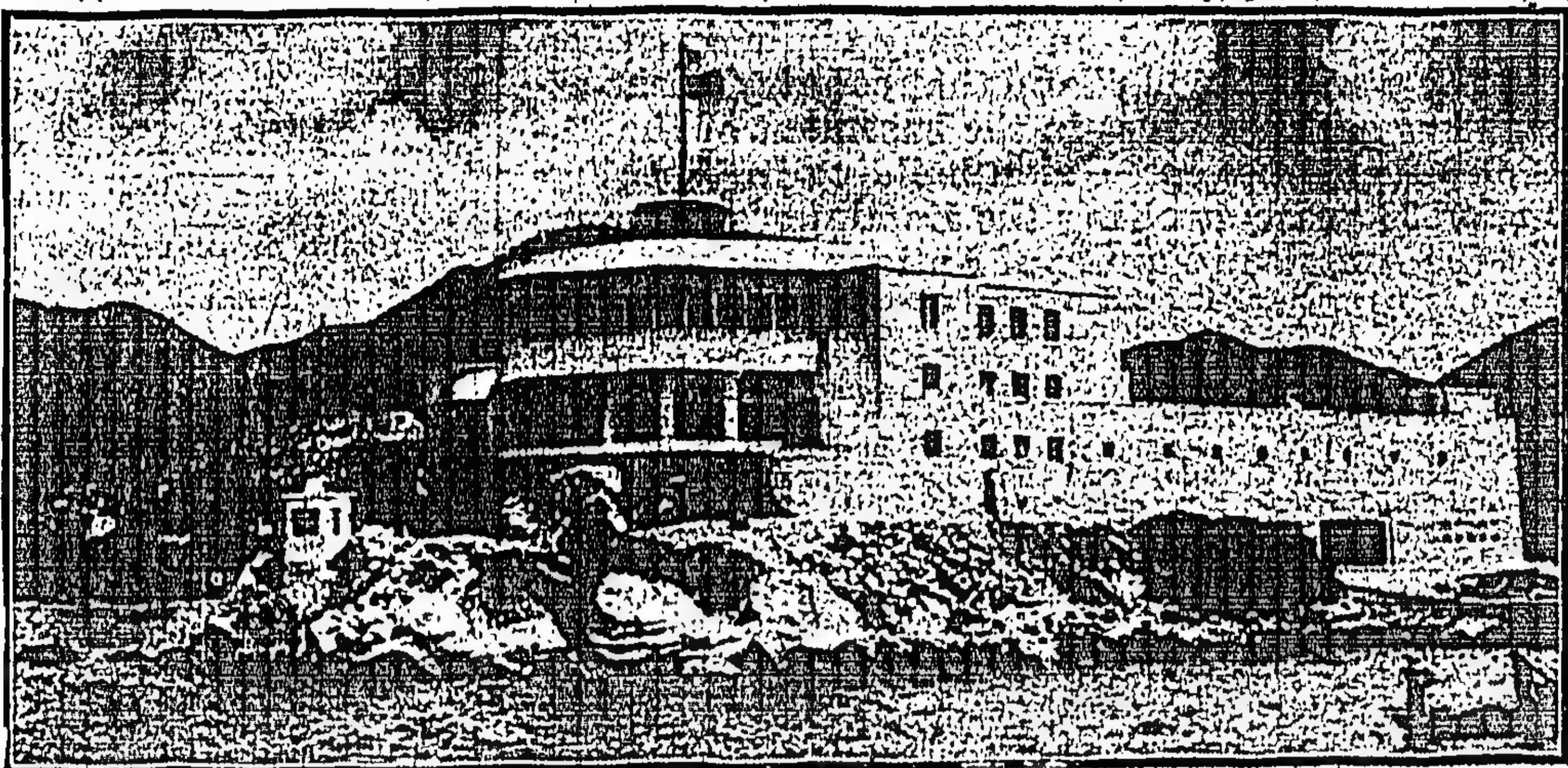
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GUTIERREZ SHIELD SERIES

England To Meet India In Final

ENGLAND AND INDIA will contest the Final of the Gutierrez Shield international lawn bowls competition next Sunday at Kowloon Football Club.

In the semi-final games yesterday England beat Philippines by 9 shots and India were 11 shots to the good against Ireland, conquerors of the holders, Switzerland, in the quarter-final on Saturday.

Philippines led 10-6 at the 10th end, but England then scored 2 2 1 2 1 1 3 2 to lead 20-10 at the 18th. The losers then scored singles at the next two ends and conceded a single at the last end.

Ireland led 4-3 at the 3th but then conceded 4 1. Leading 10-8 at the 12th, India scored 1 1 1 4 0 5 1 2 0 to win comfortably despite conceding four at the 17th, at which head the score read 17-12 in their favour.

Scores were as follows:
PHILIPPINES ENGLAND
H. A. Castro G. Perkins
A. E. H. Castro W. J. Bagley
V. N. Atienza G. H. Sherriff
R. Basa A. J. Hall
(Skip) 12 (Skip) 21

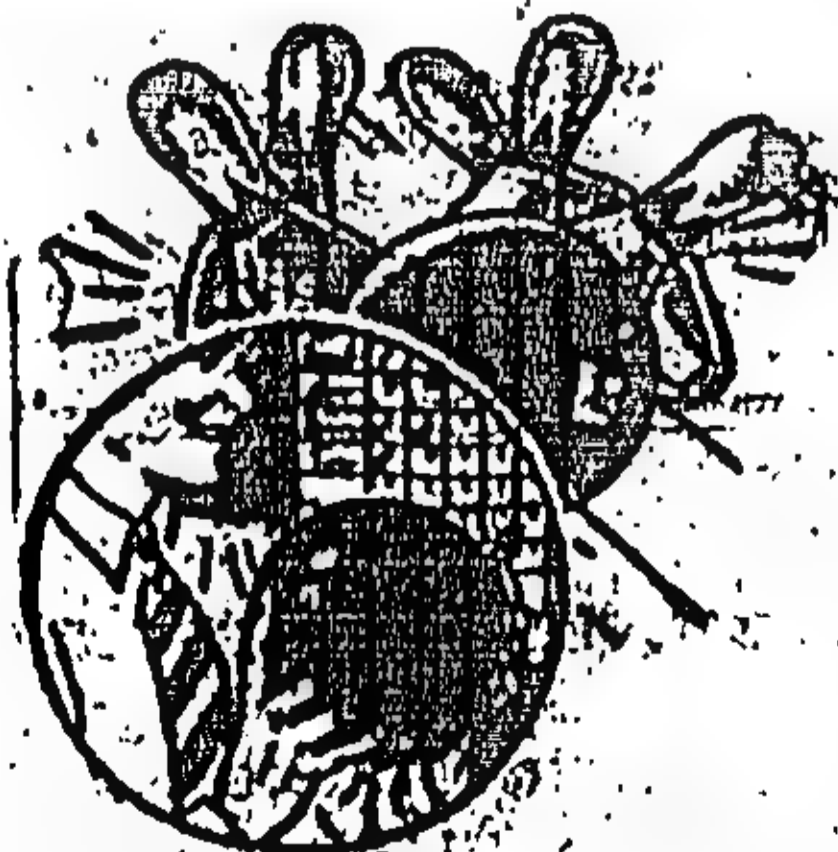
IRELAND INDIA
C. Dowman A. H. Rumlahn
A. Wright A. M. Rumlahn
H. Lockhart K. M. Omar
W. V. Field U. M. Omar
(Skip) 14 (Skip) 25

The only time India, who are not favourites for this year's title, won this competition was in 1935. England won in 1934, 1938, and 1937.

YACHTING

Wendy (H. W. Bronne) won the first of yesterday's menagerie races over 7.5 miles. Curlew (P. Clarke) was second and Gull (A. O. C. Mills) third. Painted Lady (W. H. L. Harrison) won the second event from Dragonfly (B. S. Carter) and Joss (G. E. Neve).

In order to save inconvenience to players and all concerned football referees will be requested, in case of doubt, as to the fitness of the ground owing to rain, to visit the ground as soon as possible after noon, and then make their decision as to whether play is possible.



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BATTERY TEAMS WIN

TWO "CHINA MAIL" CHALLENGE CUP MATCHES WERE PLAYED YESTERDAY, 1ST BATTERY "A" AND 1ST BATTERY "B" WINNING.

No. 5 Coy. "B" led 5-0 at the 3rd, were leading 10-7 at the 10th and 14-9 at the 14th, but the Battery four then scored 1 2 3 1 to lead 16-14, only to concede two singles and so start the last head all square. A single then gave them victory.

No. 3 Coy. "B" conceding three at the first head, led 8-7 at the 9th, 12-8 at the 13th and 16-10 at the 17th, only to concede 3 3 2 1 and so lose by three shots.

1st Battery "B" No. 5 Coy. "B"
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(Skip) 17 (Skip) 16
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J. Watson T. A. Madar
(Skip) 19 (Skip) 16

RECORDS SMASHED

Yesterday's game was the biggest on record for a League game, both from the attendance and receipts points of view.

The game was finished at about 5.50 p.m., but up to 7 p.m. people were still waiting for buses and trams. Over 70 tram cars were filled to overflowing to take the crowd away, in addition to a large fleet of buses.

Some people paid as much as \$5 for a dollar ticket to see the game and had to stand, and the touch-lines were lined with spectators ten deep!

It is understood that over \$4,000 was collected at this game.

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

N. B. Fraser has taken over the duties of Football Secretary of Police from J. S. Riddell.

In future all charity games will be of 90 minutes duration. This will enable players to become accustomed to a longer period of play in preparation for the coming Interpolt.

Entries for the Junior and Senior Shield competitions close on Thursday next.

Sgt. Johns, a second class referee, has become affiliated to Hong Kong Football Association.

A. W. Smith, of Hong Kong Police Corps, will be playing in goal for the Referees in the annual game against Police.

Held To 2-2 Draw CHAMPIONS TWICE HELD THE LEAD

(By "Referee")

Before a crowd even greater than the record one which attended the match between Islington Corinthians and South China A. A. several years ago, South China were forced to share the points with Sing Tao, both sides scoring twice, in their First Division football encounter at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Both teams made last-minute changes. Chan Tak-fai and Chau Man-chi, who are on the injured list, were absentees from the South China team, while Lai Shui-wing did not play for Sing Tao.

Leung Wing-chui played his first game for Sing Tao, in the pivotal position, with Song Ling-sing on his left. Chui Ah-fai played in Lai Shui-wing's place in the attack.

Sing Tao were very fortunate to secure this valuable point for South China were the better team throughout and twice held the lead.

The surprise packet of South China's team was Lam Tak-po, in the pivotal berth. He played his best game, and, though he lacked polish, had the Sing Tao inside forwards well covered, while his passes to his forwards were always good.

Two For Lee Tak-kee

Lee Tak-kee, former Eastern centre-forward, was the livewire of South China's attack. He fed Tsoi Kwai-shing well, always sending the ball well ahead, for the right-winger to take the ball in his stride. Lee Tak-kee scored both goals for South China, and his second one was a particularly brilliant effort.

Lee Wai-tong, who was bundled off the ball unceremoniously whenever he secured possession, sustained an injury early in the game when he collided with Hau Yung-sang, but was able to carry on. He had bad luck in not scoring on three occasions. In the first half he was going through nicely when he was brought down, and Cheung Wing-choy tumbled one of his shots, but was able to retrieve the ball before it crossed the line. In the second period, with Cheung out of position, Lee lobbed the ball over the heads of the only defenders, only to see the ball hit the cross-bar.

Lee Shek-yau, on the left-wing, displayed speed, but was not up to his usual form. He missed a great opportunity of giving South China the lead early in the first half when well placed. Tsoi Kwai-shing, on the right-wing, sent over many good centres but he was slow in doing so and this enabled the Sing Tao defence to position themselves.

Lee Kwok-wai Excels

Both of South China's backs played well. Lee Kwok-wai covered Ip Pak-wah and Chui Ah-fai well, with the result that this pair did nothing of note. Luk Tat-hang, South China left-half, had the better of Tang Kwong-sum and Chung Chung-wan, was so

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION	
South China 2	Sing Tao 2
Lee Tak-kee (2)	Kwok Yung-kee (2)
Kwong Wah 1	Police 3
Chcuk Shek-kam	Howlett, Ferrier, Moss
SECOND DIVISION	
Engineers 1	Royal Scots 1
Chan Kun-lum	Auld
Service Corps 11	Police 1
Sadler (4), Martin	Wall
(3), Morgan, Young, Clarke, Glen	
THIRD DIVISION	
7th R.A. 2	20th R.A. 1
Bigginton (2)	Lo Tut-yung
Signals 1	36th R.A. 0
Husband	

able to concentrate on Fung King-cheong, who was practically a passenger as a result.

Tam Kwan-kon did not have much to do in goal but might have saved both Sing Tao's goals. He appeared to lack confidence whenever under pressure.

Kwong Yung-kee was the only Sing Tao forward to show any dash, and it was only just that he should score both his side's goals. He was the most dangerous of the forwards and lent valuable assistance to the defence. Ip Pak-wah, on the left-wing, has played better games this season, and though he did at times send over good centres he was too well watched by Lau Hing-choy.

Chui Ah-fai was not a success in the attack, and the nearest he went to scoring was with a header in the second half. He showed poor control and was often robbed by Lee Kwok-wai.

Leung Wing-chui, in the pivotal position, had all his work cut out watching Lee Wai-tong and was obviously sadly in need of practice. His passes to his forwards were seldom placed accurately. He was given little assistance by Leung Chung-sang on his left.

Hau Better Back

Hau Yung-sang was the better of the two Sing Tao backs and bore the brunt of the work in defence. Lee Ting-sang did not have much time to indulge in his usual fancywork and did not catch the eye very often.

Cheung Wing-choy, in goal, brought off several good saves from close in.

South China opened the scoring in the first half through Lee Tak-kee, but before the interval Sing Tao were on level terms through Kwong Yung-kee.

South China took the lead right from the kick-off after the interval. Without a Sing Tao player touching the ball, the South China forward line swept down the field and Lee Tak-kee beat Cheung Wing-choy with a well-placed cross shot.

Play deteriorated from then on and Kwok Yung-kee equalised for Sing Tao shortly before time.

Sing Tao thus dropped their first point of the season, and South China lost their third point. SOUTH CHINA—Tam Kwan-kon; Lee Kwok-wai and Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Hing-choy; Lam Tak-po and Luk Tat-hang; Tsoi Kwai-shing; Lee Tak-kee; Lee Wai-tong; Lau Chung-ann and Lee Shek-yau.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choy; Lee Tung-sang and Hau Yung-sang; Leung Chung-sang; Leung Wing-chui and Boong Ling-sing; Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheong; Kwok Yung-kee; Chui Ah-fai and Ip Pak-wah.

MAZUZA BOWLS WELL BUT H.K.U. BEATEN BY 1 WKT.

DESPITE A FINE SPELL OF BOWLING BY E. MAZUZA (5 FOR 21), WHO AT ONE TIME HAD TAKEN 5 FOR 9 IN THE COURSE OF 25 DELIVERIES, QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL STAFF BEAT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY BY ONE WICKET IN THEIR MATCH ON THE UNIVERSITY GROUND, POKFULAM, YI S-TERDAY.

Fenton scored his 21 out of 39 and hit four boundaries, but the last six University wickets added only 38 runs.

Tsui and McGowan added 28 for the visitors' second wicket, but after McGowan left at 49 the remaining seven wickets added only 32 runs in 37 minutes.

Teul, who scored 23 out of 35, was particularly harsh on Gegg, getting him away to the boundary four times and scoring two in one over.

UNIVERSITY

C. N. Matthews, b Haynes	6
J. Fenton, b Haynes	21
K. S. Oh, l.b.w., b McGowan	0
G. Hong Choy, b Haynes	0
W. Gegg, c Skinner, b Ozorio	12
V. Lingam, run out	11
N. C. Sen Gupta, b Ozorio	2
Syed Mahmood, not out	9
L. H. Tan, c and b Skinner	4
E. Mazuza, b Skinner	5
S. S. Khar, c Tsui, b Hopkinson	0
Extras (LB1, WB3)	7

Total Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McGowan	5	0	18	1
Haynes	8	4	23	3
Ozorio	4	0	17	2
Skinner	2	0	5	2
Hopkinson	1.6	1	7	1

Q.M. HOSPITAL STAFF

E. V. Hopkinson, b Mahmood	3
J. Tsui, b Hong Choy	23
J. McGowan, c Lingam, b Hong Choy	16
D. M. Kahn, c Fenton, b Mazuza	5
J. Skinner, b Mazuza	6

CLOSING DAY AT C.C.C.

Craigengower Cricket Club held their Closing Day yesterday when prizes won during the year were presented by Mrs. C. S. Rosselet, wife of the vice-president of the Club.

Prize winners were:
Lawn Bowls—Singles championship—K. M. Omar to meet U. M. Omar in the Final. Junior Championship—Winner, W. Hong Sling; Runner-up, J. W. Leonard. Novice championship—Winner, L. M. Roza, Runner-up, M. F. Baptista. Pairs championship—A. Hung and U. M. Omar to meet L. Gaddi and J. Pau in the Final. Rinks championship—Winner, S. R. Solina, A. K. Ismail, W. Hong Sling, C. S. Rosselet, Runner-up, W. Broadbridge, H. L. Forman, J. W. Leonard, A. E. Coates.

Cricket—First Division batting—G. Souza, bowling—A. K. Ismail. Second Division batting—A. B. Hamson, bowling—A. M. Omar.



Perhaps one of the most popular sports during off-duty time with A.T.G. girls in the Aldershot Command is croquet. Here is one of their number about to open an innings. (Copyright, Fox).

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

The defeat of Switzerland, holders, by Ireland provided the only upset in the quarter-finals of the Gutierrez Shield bowls competition, though Scotland went near to eliminating India. In the other games England beat Wales and Philippines proved too good for Australia. Two matches were played in the "China Mail" Challenge Cup competition, Field Engineers "B" unexpectedly beating Pay Section and 3rd Battery winning over No. 2 Company "E".

Club's defeat at the hands of K.C.C. provided the titbit of the cricket programme of six matches. Following were the best feats:

BATTING

E. L. Gosano	*68
C. Ainslie	63
Capt. J. E. Lawrence	*37
J. Shepherd	*37
A. E. Carey	35
D. J. N. Anderson	34
A. Zimmer	*33
G. E. Goodban	32
* not out.	

BOWLING

A. J. Hulse	6 for 35
F. R. Zimmer	6 for 44
U. Ismail	5 for 36
F. Baker	4 for 12

Y.M.C.A. hockey teams were beaten, the 1st XI by 4-1 by Recreio and the 2nd XI by R.A.S.C. by 1-0.

Club proved too good for Navy in their Rugby match and won by 17-3. Players to impress were Jimmie Thomson, King, Kennedy and Gairdner. Club "A", reinforced by four Royal Scots, easily beat Navy "A" by 16-0. Davies, Carruthers and Hopkins impressed most. At Boundary Street Army, who were well served by Ford as hooker, were much superior to Police and won 22-0.

Navy and Royal Scots shared 10 goals in their First Division soccer match, the soldiers scoring twice in the last 10 minutes. Service Corps did well to beat 12th

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following were yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS	
Cardinals	7 Wahoons 2
Chung Hwa	9 Ramblerettes 24
Canadian Chinese	32 Little Flowers 10
MEN'S	
First Division	
Canadian Chinese	6 Cyclones 9
Philippines	4 Indians 10
Chinese	
Baseball Club	1 St. Joseph's 14
Second Division	
Cosmopolitan	9 Recreio 18
Royal Artillery	4 Royal Scots 16

R.A. and Shell surprised Engineers when they snatched a point. R.A.F. continued in winning vein and are one of two teams with a 100 per cent record—Engineers in Second Division are the other team. Two players, Jorge of Kowloon and Yau Wah-hing of Kit Chee, were sent off during the programme of 12 matches, during which a total of 62 goals were scored.

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's new headquarters on Kellett Island were opened by H.E. Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton.



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EXPECTATIONS OF MEDITERRANEAN ACTION

Swiss Predict An Axis Assault On Gibraltar

The New Menzies Cabinet

Australia's reconstructed Federal Cabinet was announced in Melbourne yesterday.

It includes Mr. R. G. Menzies as Prime Minister and Minister for Co-ordination of Defence and Information, the veteran ex-Premier Mr. W. M. Hughes as Attorney-General and Minister of Navy, Col. Spender (Army), Mr. K. McEwen (Air), Sir Earl Page (Commerce), Mr. A. W. Fadden (Treasurer), Sir Frederick Stewart (External Affairs, Social Services and Health), Senator P. A. McBride (Supply and Development and Munitions), and Mr. H. E. Holt (Labour and National Service). — Reuter.

FULL CREDIT TO ROYAL NAVY

"England's defence in the last three months by the magnificent R.A.F. was fundamentally only possible because the British Fleet was there to halt the Germans at the water's edge," declared Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, in a speech at Chicago yesterday.

The new United States Navy which would come into being in the next five years, he added, would be thoroughly competent to meet any possible combination of enemies that could be brought against the United States. — Reuter.

Wide Field Of Speculation

POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN ZURICH EXPECT FRESH GERMAN MILITARY ACTION TO FOLLOW VERY CLOSELY ON THE PETAIN-HITLER AGREEMENT.

Indications to this effect are supported by Italian press forecasts of imminent action in the eastern Mediterranean.

In Swiss comment, Gibraltar is openly mentioned as the next probable objective for Axis attack.

Meanwhile diplomatic observers in Zurich consider the silence of the Vichy Government regarding the proposals to Petain as significant.

It is felt the Vichy Government is reluctant to reveal the terms to the French public before they can be faced with a fait accompli.

Reports that two Cabinet meetings were held in Vichy before Petain accepted the German terms are considered to indicate that Petain had to overcome strong resistance within the Government itself.

Strategic Concessions

It is not believed in Zurich that Petain has agreed to active participation by French forces in the war against Britain but it is considered probable that Hitler has gained concessions of strategic importance for the prosecution of the war in the Mediterranean.

Many reports are reaching Zurich indicating the growing anxiety of the French public for a British victory but beside these must be placed the fact

that France is in effect an authoritarian State, with Laval as the controlling power.

As regards Spain, diplomatic circles in Zurich are convinced that Franco is unwilling to involve Spain in the war but will probably be unable to resist if faced with a choice between voluntarily or involuntarily allowing the German army to pass through Spain. — Reuter.

Vichy's Reticence

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Only official announcement in Vichy on the Petain-Hitler talks was an official communique which stated the two statesmen "made a general survey of the situation, with particular reference to the restoration of peace in Europe."

The two statesmen reached agreement in principle on collaboration of which the means of enforcement will be examined later.

Meanwhile the newspaper "Le Temps" says that the fact that Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier, did not return to Vichy with Marshal Petain but went to Paris, lends ground to the belief that the Franco-German negotiations have not yet been completed.

The paper added: "In any case it must be admitted that we have arrived at a turning point in Franco-German relations such as they were established by the Armistice Convention."

The French press as a whole refrains from forecasts regarding future developments. "Le Journal" wonders whether "decisions of major importance for the future of France and Europe were really taken." — Havas.

No Mention Of Military Aid

COMMENTING ON THE HITLER/PETAIN AGREEMENT, A LONDON POLITICAL OBSERVER SAID YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS AN "AGREEMENT TO AGREE, BUT STILL FAR FROM AN AGREEMENT TO ACT IN AGREEMENT."

It is noteworthy that the Vichy communique makes no mention of military aid.

Some observers believe that, having failed in his "peace blitzkrieg," Hitler may attempt an alternative move designed to close the Western Mediterranean to the British Fleet with the help of France and Spain.

Hitler may have secured Vichy's consent to collaborate, but there is as yet no indication that Spain is ready to sacrifice herself to save Germany from defeat.

The steady growth of the Free French movement in Africa will also prove a serious obstacle to any Vichy attempts to get the support of the French Empire for Germany. — Reuter.

DUST STORMS IN WESTERN DESERT

Severe dust storms in the Western Desert throughout Saturday were reported in a G.H.Q. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

In the Sudan and Kenya British fighting patrols were again active. From Palestine there is nothing to report. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A TURKISH MILITARY DELEGATION LEFT FOR GREECE YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO MOSCOW RADIO QUOTED BY REUTER.

"Your liberation day will not long be delayed," said Marshal Petain addressing prisoners when he visited a French war prisoners camp at Amboise, according to the "Paris Soir" yesterday.

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Despite the official silence in Vichy regarding the Franco-German agreement, the Vichy correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" wrote yesterday he understood Hitler made "exceptionally generous offers to Petain's Government."

"Emphasis was laid on the return of the Government to Paris and the release of French prisoners of war." — Reuter.

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Air Siege

Raids were made at intervals yesterday by formations of enemy fighters and bombers crossing the coast of Kent and flying towards London, says an Air Ministry communique.

The raiders were engaged by our fighters and A.A. defences and few of them succeeded in reaching London.

Some bombs were dropped in the London area and also at a number of places in south-east England.

Houses and other buildings were damaged at a few places but reports indicated the number of casualties is small, though several were killed.

An attack was also made in Hampshire in the late afternoon and a few bombs were dropped in one district. Reports so far received show that several houses were destroyed and a number of people injured.

It is confirmed that one more enemy aircraft was destroyed on Saturday, and another on Friday. — Reuter.

KENNEDY
TUNING UP

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, ARRIVED AT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT, NEW YORK, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND IMMEDIATELY TOOK OFF AGAIN TO FLY TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE WILL SEE THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Kennedy refused to comment on his future plans until he has seen President Roosevelt.

He emphatically refused to talk about Britain but added: "I'll have a lot to say when I finish."

This remark was taken to mean after his conference with President Roosevelt. — Reuter.

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EIGHT NAZI
'PLANES
SHOT DOWN

It is officially announced that eight enemy aircraft were destroyed yesterday and that six British fighters were lost or missing, but the pilot of one is safe. — Reuter.

DISMAY
IN UNITED
STATES

There was much speculation in the American newspapers yesterday on the effect in Europe of any Franco-German alliance.

Developments in France have produced in the United States wide expressions of dismay, and Secretary of State Cordell Hull's disclosure that President Roosevelt had sent a warning to Vichy was splashed on the front pages of the New York morning papers.

Some radio commentators criticize the United States' continued diplomatic recognition of the Vichy Government and Washington's "politeness" regarding French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

It is generally considered that Hitler's new programme was necessitated by the thwarting of his original plans by the R.A.F.

Naval aid is considered his chief aim. The belief that the French people will revolt if the Vichy Government joins the war against Britain is again voiced by several papers. — Reuter.

NAZI REPORT OF
SCOTLAND ATTACK

German bombers from Norway attacked two aerodromes in north-east Scotland from "a dangerously low height," according to the German radio yesterday.

It was claimed hits were scored on hangars, barracks and other buildings at Wick, while "all" aerodrome buildings and barracks at Lossiemouth were destroyed. — Reuter.

"Exciting Events"
Coming This Week

ITALIANS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO EXPECT EXCITING EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEK, ACCORDING TO DIRECT AND INDIRECT MESSAGES FROM ROME WHICH REFER TO "FORCE" IN RECENT GERMAN DEALINGS.

Previous acknowledgment that hitherto Italy has been only "present in spirit" at Hitler's conclaves, especially with Spanish leaders, is now replaced by the assurance that Italy will shortly intervene directly in current Axis negotiations.

"Hitler's contacts with Franco and Petain, and those which may follow in the next few days, represent the closing of the last portcullis against British expectations of creating confusion in Europe," writes Signor Ansaldo, editor of Count Ciano's newspaper "Telegrafo."

Ansaldo adds the men of the Axis have been able by friendship or force to persuade European countries not to join in Britain's game.

The Axis diplomatic offensive agreed upon at the Brenner meeting is developing "but the best is yet to come."

Celebration Postponed

The Italian controlled "Telepress" of Zurich yesterday foreshadowed "an event of great importance in Rome to-morrow."

Celebration ceremonies of the anniversary of the March on Rome were postponed from yesterday to to-day (Monday).

The message concludes it is expected that the Mediterranean, especially the eastern part, will be the theatre of great activity this week. — Reuter.

"Diplomatic Offensive"

A "DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE" WAS THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN TO HITLER'S RECENT MOVES, BY SIGNOR ANSALDO, EDITOR OF COUNT CIANO'S PAPER, YESTERDAY.

This "offensive," he says, was agreed on at the Brenner meeting.

"Hitler's talks with General Franco and Marshal Petain and others which may follow in the next few days," Signor Ansaldo continues, "represent the shutting of the last portcullis against all British expectations of spreading the war."

He indirectly admits, however, that Britain cannot be beaten.

"The men of the Axis," he says, "know that in order to beat Britain she must be prevented from securing any satellite on the Continent." — Reuter.

AMERICA
WARNED
OFF

A warning to Americans to keep out of European concerns was uttered by the Duke of Aosta in a speech yesterday to Blackshirts at Turin.

He said it was only right that Americans should have control in their own continent but it was not right that the Americans should meddle in affairs which concerned only Europeans.

The Duke also asserted: "The

BERLIN
AGAIN
BOMBED

In their raid on Berlin on Saturday night the R.A.F. attacked aircraft works, an electric power station and goods yards. Oil plants bombed were at Stettin, Leuna and Cologne.

Naval docks at Hamburg, Cuxhaven and Bremen and railway communications at Bremen, Dortmund and Brussels were other targets.

The ports of Flushing and Antwerp and several aerodromes were again visited.

All these operations were carried out despite poor weather conditions over many of the target areas. One R.A.F. plane is missing. — Reuter.

rule of gold and raw materials must be ended for ever and be replaced by the domination of the whole people who produce and labour." — Reuter.



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M. Baudoin Has Not Resigned

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EMPRESS OF BRITAIN SUNK, SAY NAZIS

A German High Command communique claims that the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain," which it described as a troopship, was attacked 60 miles west of Ireland.

Hit by a heavy bomb, says the German communique, the "Empress of Britain" caught fire and the crew had to take to their boats.

Claiming that the air offensive continued with light and heavy bombers, accompanied by fighters, on London, southern England and the Midlands, the communique says that despite fighter and A.A. defences, which were strong in some places, "important military objectives were plastered with bombs."

During the night, it continues, bombers continued without interruption the attacks on London and also bombed industrial plant in Birmingham, Coventry and the port of Liverpool. "Enemy planes attempted to attack towns and industrial plant

BERLIN REPORTS that M. Paul Baudoin, Foreign Minister in the Vichy Government, had resigned, appear premature.

M. Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier, when questioned by newspapermen, did not confirm the report, according to a news agency despatch from Geneva yesterday.

AUSTIN ROAD ROBBERIES

Mrs. Bruce, residing on the first floor of No. 160, Austin Road, has reported that between 2 a.m. and 9 a.m. yesterday, a thief entered her flat and stole a watch valued at \$15, from her bedroom. Mrs. Cassels, of the same address, reports that during the same period, money and jewellery to the value of \$145 were stolen from her room.

Mr. Hammond, of No. 128, Austin Road, informed the Police last night that clothing and money, to the value of \$150, had been stolen from his residence.

in north and central Germany. A hit was scored on one factory, killing workmen and damaging the building.

"An enemy plane dropped bombs on Berlin and, as in another large city, only dwelling houses were damaged. A number of civilians were killed and injured.

"The enemy lost nine planes and four German machines are missing."—Reuter.

The despatch adds that the resignation "might take place during to-day (Sunday)."

A Cabinet meeting was originally called for yesterday afternoon in Vichy, when it was expected a decision would be taken but it was learned later that the Cabinet might not meet before Monday.—Reuter.

Havas says that while M. Baudoin's resignation has not yet been announced it is generally believed in Vichy that M. Laval will take over the portfolio of foreign affairs, retaining the Vice-Premiership.



Three of the fifty American destroyers turned over to Great Britain by the United States, at their moorings in an Eastern Canadian port just before the historic transfer. (Copyright, Fox).

BERGEN NOT QUIESCENT UNDER NAZI HEEL

ANTI-QUISLING demonstrations and sabotage at Bergen has resulted in the introduction of a limited state of siege, with a "dusk to dawn" curfew, according to reports received in Stockholm yesterday from Norway.

Two were killed and many injured in one demonstration outside premises commandeered by the Quisling national assembly movement, where feeling ran particularly high.

Despite police reinforcements, the reports add, German troops have been frequently compelled to intervene.

It is stated that local leaders of this movement have now taken over the municipal administration.

There has been much sabotage, an example being the spoiling of a consignment of fish intended for Germany.

Many have sentenced to long terms of imprisonment at trials in camera for alleged offences ranging from tearing down posters to assembly movements to giving information to a foreign power on internal conditions in Norway.—Reuter.

Eurasia Pilot Wounded

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japanese aircraft appeared over Kunming at about 9.30 a.m. yesterday machine-gunning the outskirts and neighbouring district towns.

Chengtu was bombed at noon. Alarms were sounded in Chungking, but no planes were sighted near the city.

Walther Lutz, Chief Pilot of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, who was wounded on Saturday when the machine he was piloting was chased, fired at and compelled to land by three Japanese fighters, is making favourable progress in hospital.

The two Chinese pilots are also

STATE RICE STORAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE "JAPAN TIMES" REPORTED IN TOKYO YESTERDAY THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED ALL PREFECTURAL AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH THE STATE MANAGEMENT OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF RICE.

Municipal, town and village associations will allocate quotas for rice among rice producers and land owners.

These quotas will later be adjusted to the actual amounts produced. Rice set aside as Government stocks will be packed and delivered to warehouses designated by the prefectural authorities.—Havas.

ITALIAN "INCIDENT" ALLEGATIONS

THE MYSTERY of the shooting on the Albanian side of the Greek-Albanian frontier, alleged by the Italians, is deepened by a semi-official statement issued in Athens yesterday.

The Italian account of the incident is emphatically denied.

It is stated that absolutely no incident occurred on the frontier itself but Greek frontier posts on Saturday heard firing which apparently came from the Albanian village of Vernin, two miles from the border.

The Greek commander informed an Italian officer opposite and asked for an interview to ascertain the facts. So far the Greek officer has received no reply, it was added.

Serious View Taken
A SERIOUS VIEW IS TAKEN IN ATHENS AT THE SIGNS OF A RENEWAL OF ITALIAN PRESSURE ON GREECE.

The Greek Government has issued an official denial that Government troops or irregulars on Saturday morning, attacked an Italian outpost on the Albanian frontier.

It is pointed out that there are no Greek regulars who might have committed such an act at that particular time and place, and it has been proved that no Greek crossed the border within the time covered by the alleged incident.

Greek and Italian frontier commanders were to meet yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

Greek Statement

The semi-official Greek news agency later stated that a meeting between the Greek and Italian frontier post commanders was to take place yesterday afternoon.

A further denial of Italian reports of alleged frontier incidents was issued by the agency when it said that reports from Tirana, transmitted by the Stefani agency, according to which a Greek armed band is stated to have entered Albanian territory and attacked Albanian posts near Koritza, are false.

No Greek band passed the Albanian frontier at any point, it is declared.

No band has been formed or could be formed in Greek territory in view of the fact that the Greek military and civil authorities have assured absolute order.

Infantile Invention

The denial also characterises the report that bombs exploded in the office of an Italian lieutenant at Santi Quaranta and that the Greek authorities are responsible "purely an infantile invention."

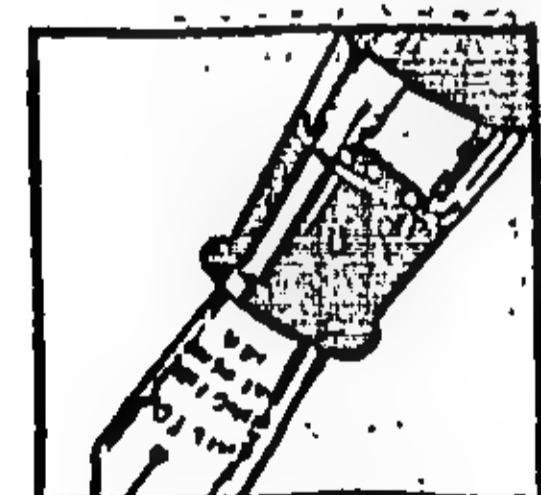
Meanwhile a Stefani news agency despatch from Tirana alleges that leaflets containing an exhortation have been dropped in districts of southern Albania by an unidentified plane.—Reuter.

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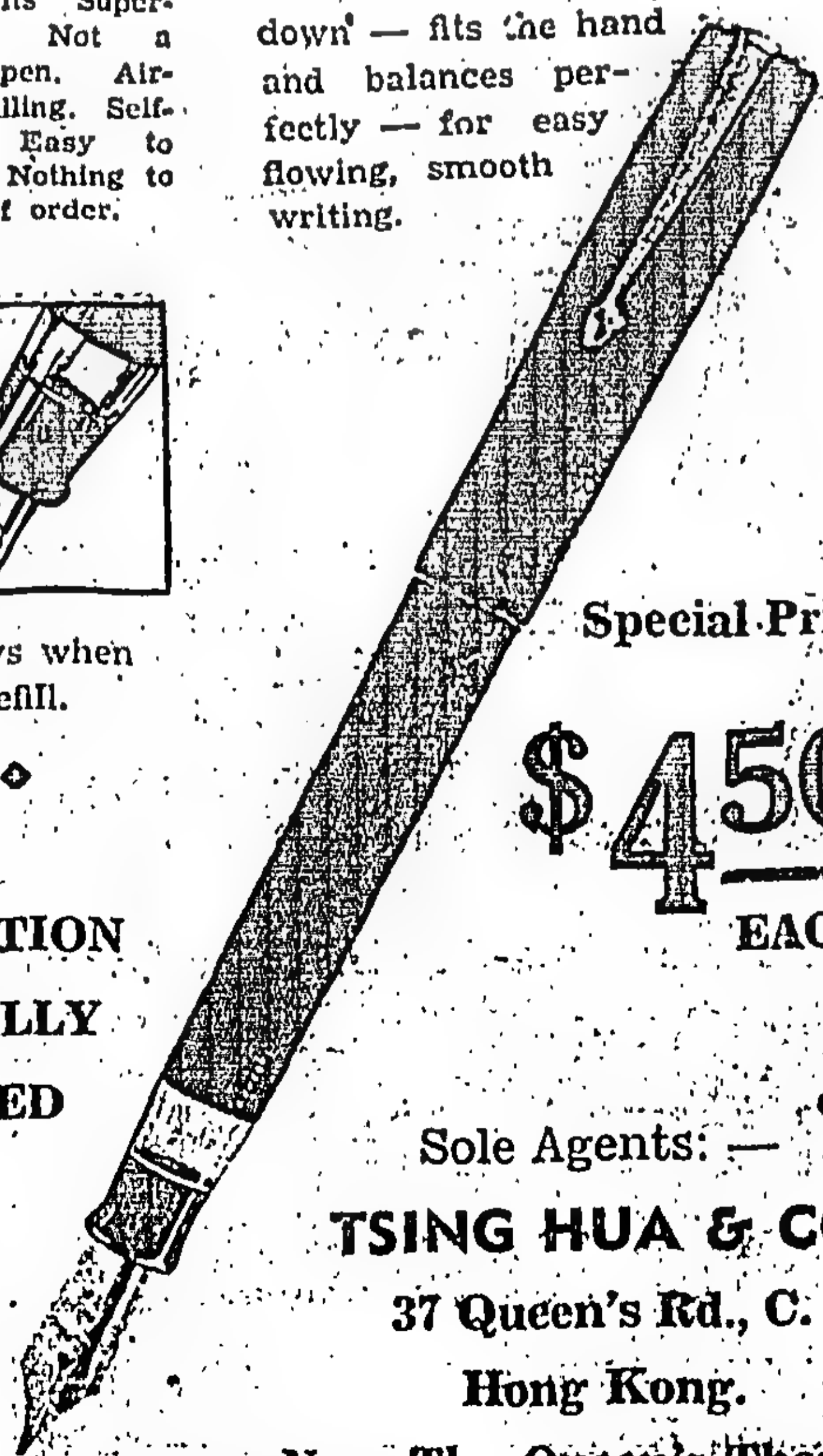
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"THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN MAY NOW BE OVER, FOR ITS ISSUE, I BELIEVE, IS ALREADY DECIDED," DECLARED MR. L. S. AMERY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, IN A SPEECH IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"The Battle of the Empire comes next. Frustrated in his attempt to destroy our Commonwealth by one blow at its heart, Hitler will try to do so by striking at the next vital point, namely our hold on the Mediterranean, our lifeline to the East and particularly our position in Egypt and Palestine on both sides of the Suez Canal.

"If he could drive us out of there he could hope not only to secure the oil of Iraq and the cotton of Turkey and Egypt but, more important still, to be able to transport them by sea through the ports of his allies or vassals.

"He would have broken through our blockade and would be in a position to threaten India and British Africa at close quarters.

"It is in the light of these aims that we must look at what has been happening in Rumania, what is being plotted against the independence of Bulgaria, what lies behind the conferences Hitler has been holding with Franco and Petain.

Up To Us

"Where and how the attempt is to be made we cannot yet judge but it is up to us to beat it off as we have beaten off the attempt on this island.

"Then, at last, the time will come for the turning of the tables of our enemies and the beginning of our own offensive."

England was not alone in its struggle against the Dictators. "At this moment a conference is assembled in Delhi of representatives of the Empire east and south of Suez to consider how the resources of all their territories can best be developed and mutually matched in order to produce the greatest volume of striking power in the future.

Redressing The Balance

"That is an immensely significant event in history.

"As Mr. Churchill said, it is calling into being a new world of armed strength to redress the balance of the old."

"After pointing out that the British Air Force will continue to cripple Germany's resources at home, Mr. Amery said:

"In one sense we settled the issue of the Napoleonic wars at Trafalgar but it took another ten years before that victory was finally made good at Waterloo."

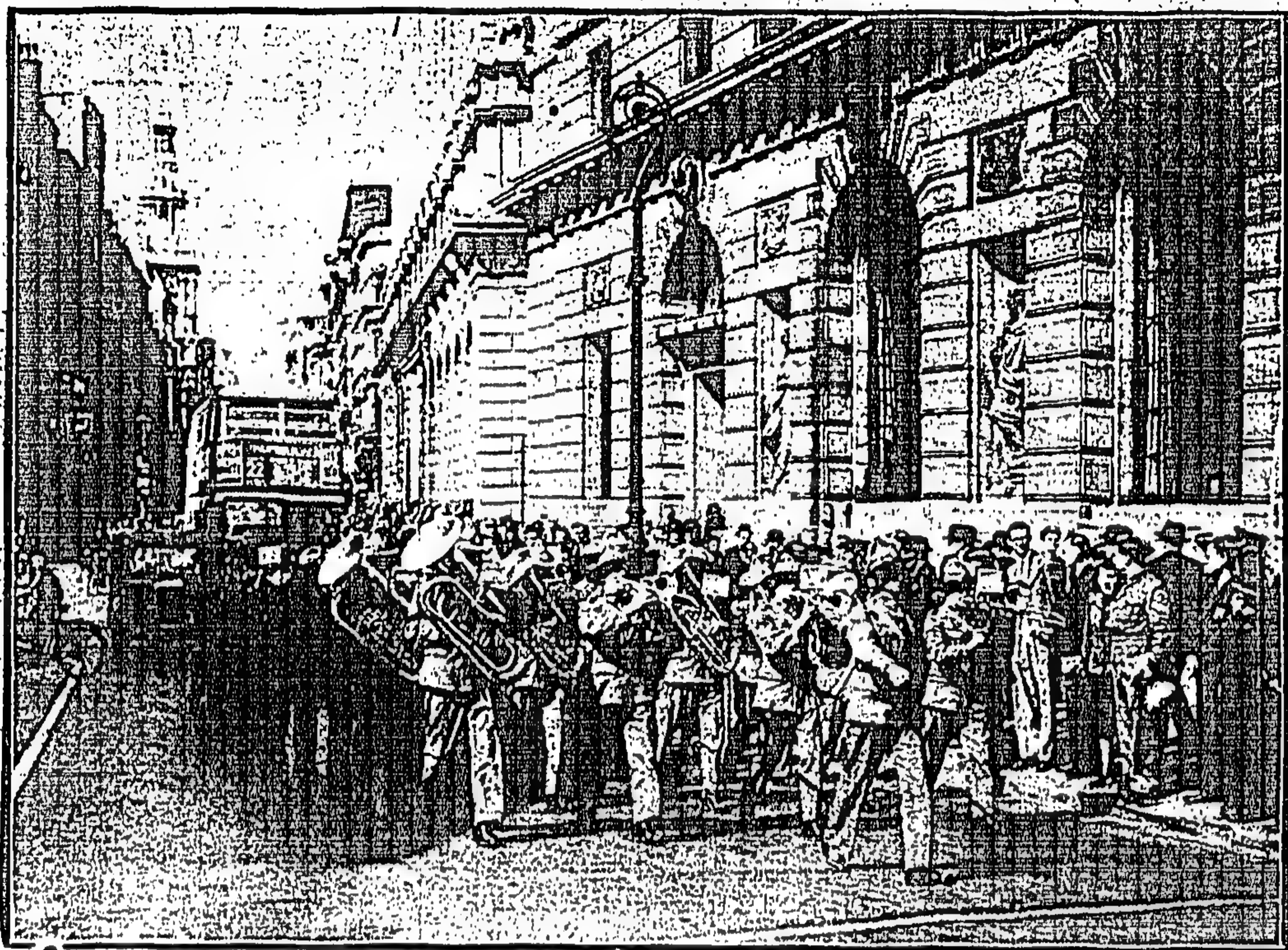
"We can hope, thanks to our growing air power, that Hitler's Waterloo will come much more swiftly and no less conclusively."

War Aims

Referring to war aims, Mr. Amery declared: "We wish to see established for others the principles which we believe are fundamental to civilisation.

"We wish to see established in Europe the elementary rights of justice and freedom for individuals; the right of minorities to be respected by majorities and of small nations to live in peace side by side with greater ones — to see cooperation take the place of anarchy.

"Meanwhile our first task, in the words of Pitt, is to save ourselves by our exertions and Europe by our example." — Reuter.



The other day, for the first time, a Dominion band marched playing through the streets of London and gave a performance in front of the Royal Exchange. Photo shows the band marching through the City. (Copyright, Fox).

GENERAL DE GAULLE APPOINTS COUNCIL OF DEFENCE

GENERAL DE GAULLE, Leader of all Free Frenchmen, has appointed a Council of Defence of the French Empire, it was learned in London last night.

Announcing its appointment in his broadcast proclamation from Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, which he is visiting, General de Gaulle says that the Council, "on behalf of France, will perform all the duties of war Government on all French territories which are fighting on and will fight on."

SHANGHAI MERCHANT WARNED

Lucien Tessier, a merchant from Shanghai, living in the Hong Kong Hotel, was cautioned by Mr. E. Himsworth, Magistrate, this morning for having 24 letters in his possession for the purpose of sending them out of the Colony other than through the post.

Defendant, appearing on bail of \$500, said he did not know the regulations. He had intended to take the letters through with him to the United States.

Sub-Inspector Slattery, for the police, said that he went on board the s.s. President Coolidge on Saturday morning when she arrived from Shanghai, and spoke to defendant, who produced the 24 letters.

Most of these letters were addressed to friends, but six were to addresses in the United States. The letters were taken to the censor, who raised no objection to the contents of any of them.

Sub-Inspector Slattery said the police were not pressing for a serious view to be taken, although they had information that M. Tessier had previously committed the same offence.

Decision to appoint the Council was taken, General de Gaulle said, "in view of the fact that henceforward the Free French forces represent the only resort of the Fatherland."

Appealing to all French people, General de Gaulle said: "French officers, French soldiers and French citizens! A few infamous politicians have broken up the Empire of France. Be prepared! Stand to your arms!"

First Order

General de Gaulle also announced his first order which declares: "As long as a French Government and representation of the French people do not exist normally and independently from the enemy, the powers formerly performed by the Chief of State and Council of Ministers will be exercised by the Leader of the Free French Forces, assisted by a Council of Defence.

"These powers will be enforced in consonance with laws existing in France on June 23, 1940." — Reuter.

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Visa Question

M. Tessier asked that no offence be registered against him, as he was a prominent businessman in the Far East, making frequent trips through the Colony. If an offence were recorded it might prove difficult for him to get visas to Hong Kong in the future.

The Magistrate said he was unable to take that into consideration, warning defendant to be more careful in the future. The Court administered an official "caution."

KENYA PATROL IN SKIRMISH

One of our patrols was attacked by superior enemy forces near the Ethiopian border, 70 miles east of Lake Rudolf, said a communiqué issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The patrol withdrew successfully without loss from their post.

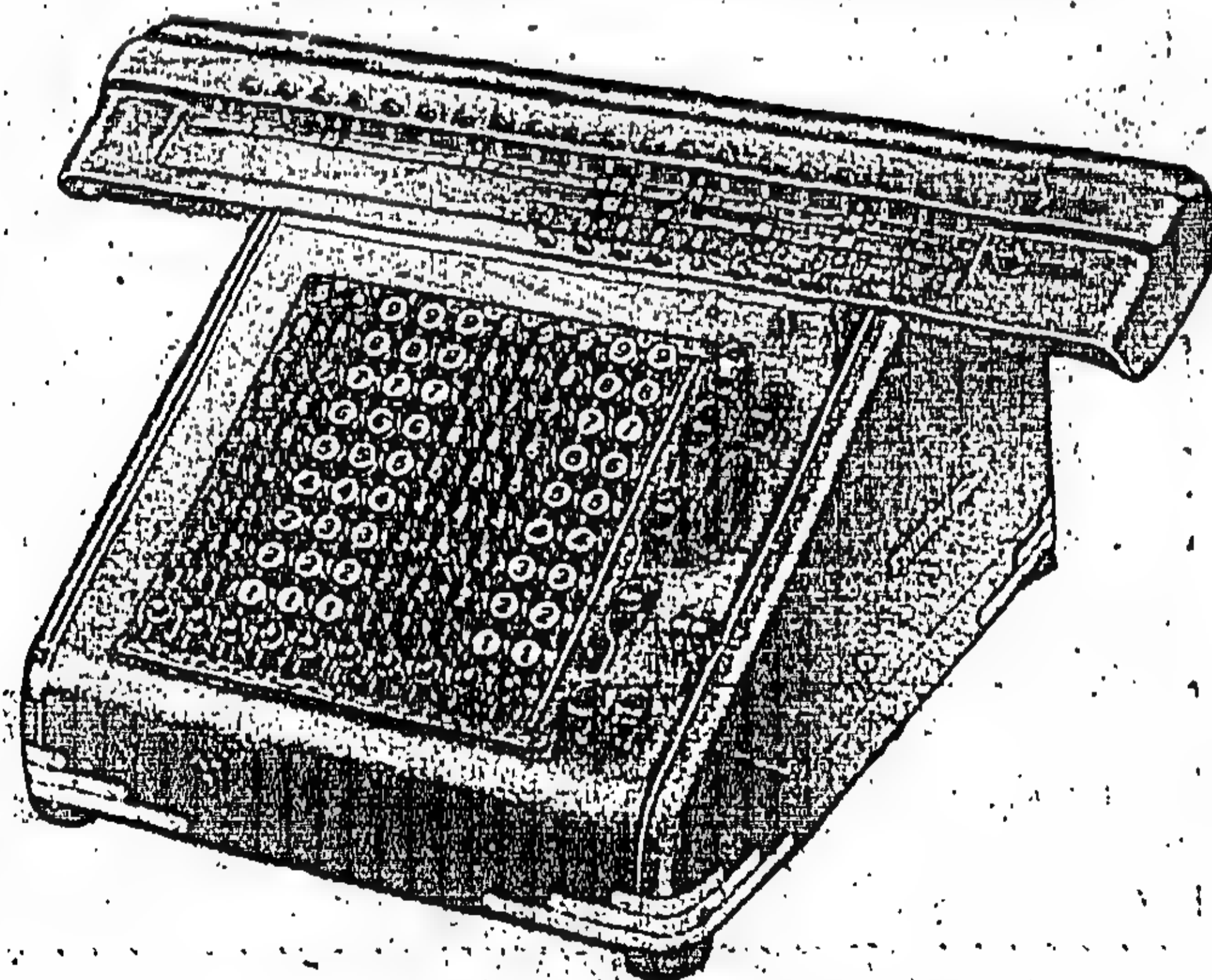
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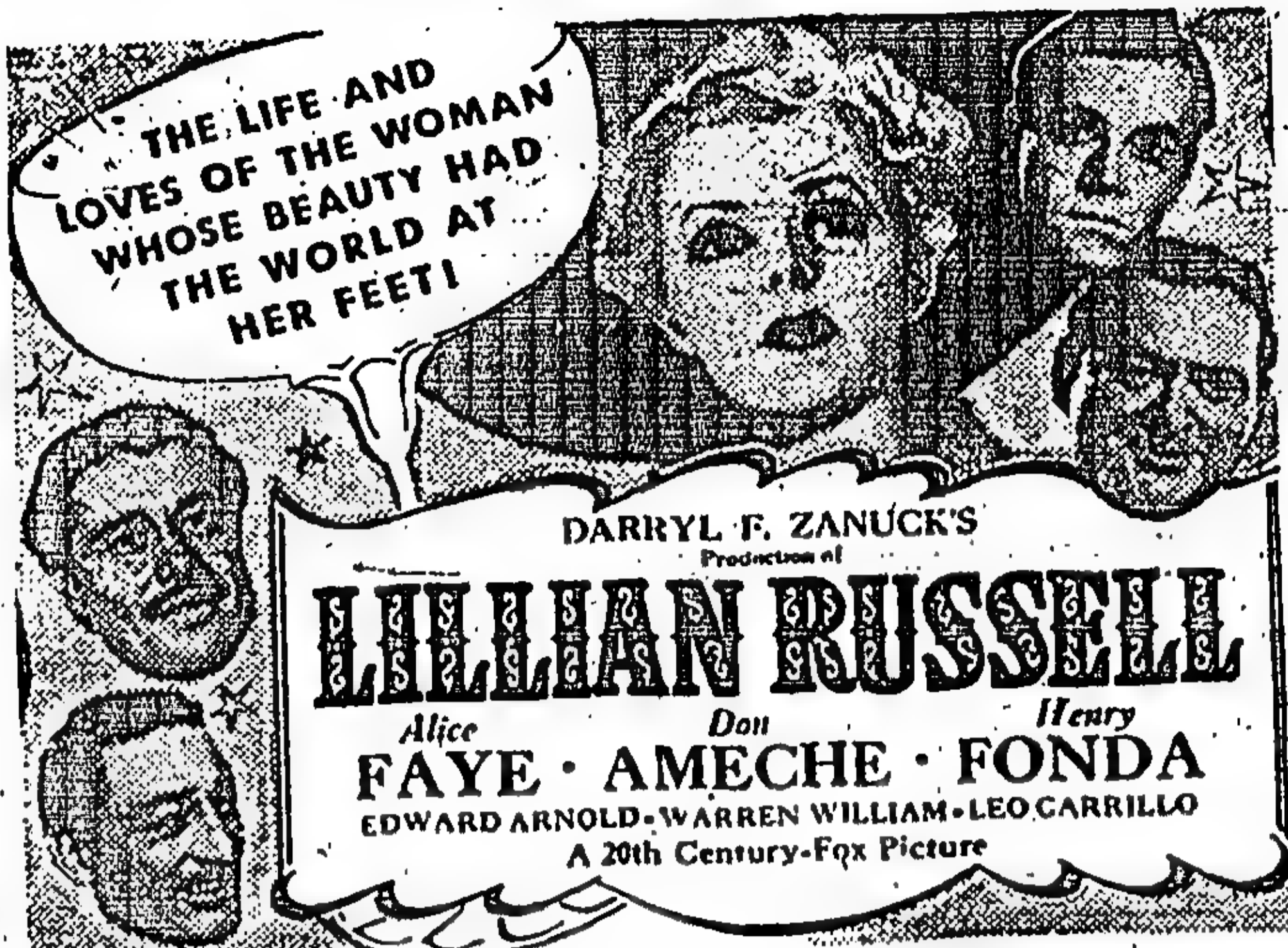
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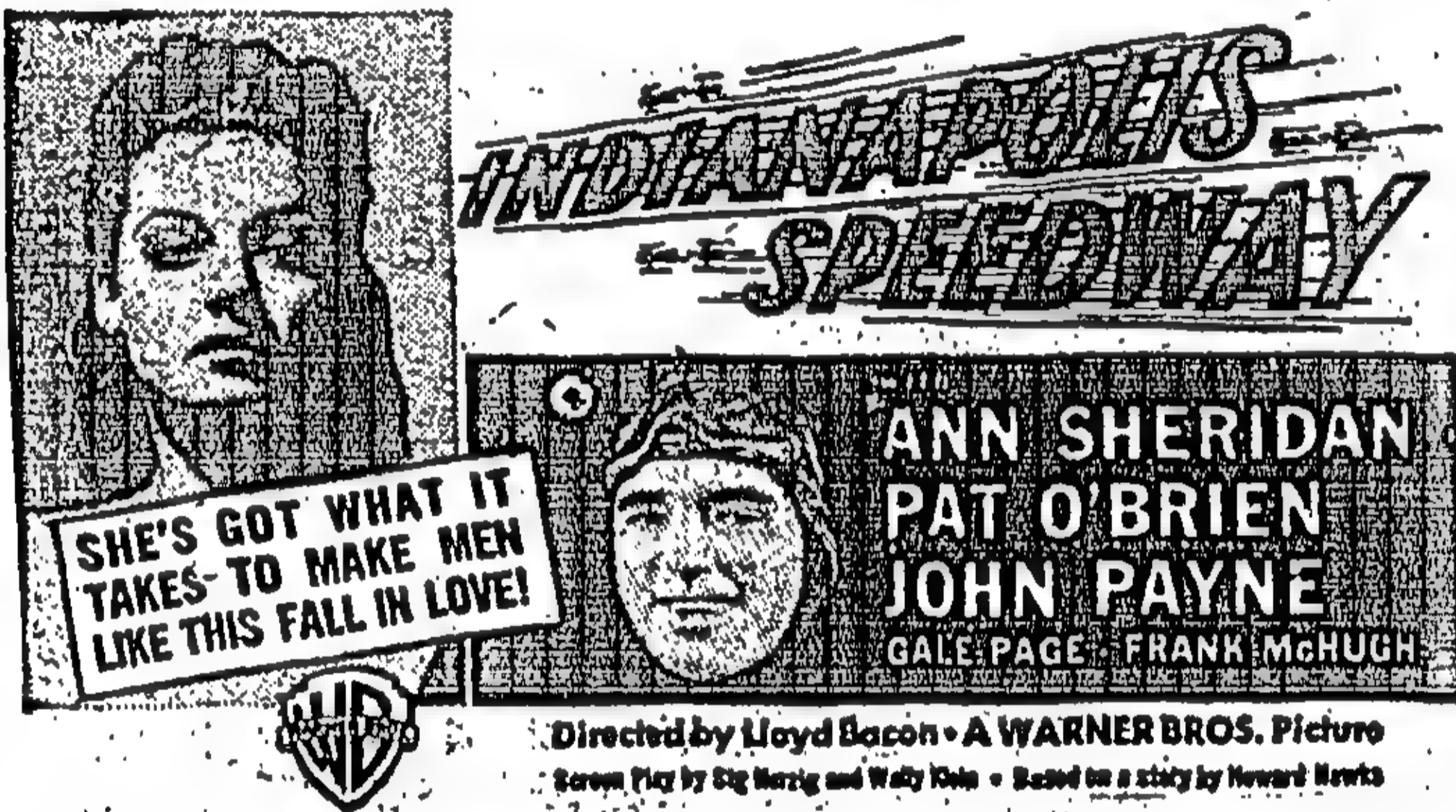
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AERIAL SIEGE OF LONDON SLACKENS IN SEVERITY

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)
THE AERIAL "SIEGE" OF LONDON, WHICH ENTERED ITS EIGHTH WEEK YESTERDAY, WAS NOTICEABLY SLACKENED IN SEVERITY. THE REGULARITY OF THE RAIDS IS FAR FROM AN ACCURATE GUIDE TO THE INTENSITY OF GERMANY'S EFFORT.

It is recognised that the present pause may be only temporary and that Germany may be preparing a fresh onslaught with redoubled energy but unless this is the outcome of the Hitler-Petain agreement, the evidence of the past week justifies the belief held by qualified observers that the Luftwaffe's energy will be dispersed over a wider field.

AMERICAN GERMANS MOSTLY LOYAL

The loyalty of American citizens of German descent, with a "few unhappy exceptions," is without question, the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation had declared in a statement which denounced the suppression of German culture under Nazi domination as "humiliating" to every American with German blood in his veins.

With the pronouncement that the present German attacks on London constitute the "peak of outrage," the Foundation revealed that as long as five years ago it had reduced its awards for research work in Germany almost to the vanishing point, and had, instead, in the past five years, spent \$200,000 in placing German refugee teachers and students in American schools. About 95 per cent. of those assisted, it added, were of the Jewish faith.

The Foundation, established to promote the better integration of Americans of German descent with the body of American citizenship and to carry on the programme of cultural improvement initiated by Carl Schurz as Secretary of the Interior, first President of the Society for Germanistic Culture and first President of the Germanic Museum at Harvard, had been asked recently to tell of the effect of the Nazi rule on its programme.

The Foundation statement declared that other expenditures, beyond refugee aid, have gone toward the support of literary, musical and artistic enterprises designed to recall to citizens of German derivation the contributions of their race "in the old days" toward the culture of America. Last spring it began seeking a \$2,000,000 endowment fund to convert the old Customs House at New York into a clearinghouse for information on Germanic contributions to America.

"Excepting where official permission has been necessary on occasion for the removal of works of art from Germany for exhibition here or in securing entrance to German scientific or industrial plants for American observers, the Foundation has not the slightest touch with the present German government," the statement reported.

"The Foundation holds totalitarianism itself, with the excesses of which the World has become all too familiar, in abhorrence and prays for the day when, through the final triumph of democratic ideals and democratic power, the processes of civilisation, wherever they have been violated, will be restored.

"As an organisation, its major concern has been for the thirty millions of German blood, citizens of America, who with but a relatively few unhappy exceptions are, and will continue to be, thoroughly in accord with American thought and opinion in the present crisis."

This has not been the case by day, for Hitler and Goering have had to rely since the smashing defeat of September 15 on the use of bomb-carrying fighters whose effective range is strictly limited, but at night the Luftwaffe is now winging its way more over England and Wales and even some parts of Scotland seeking new targets.

Midland towns, in particular, have become "little Londons." The great sprawling capital still attracts the majority of the night bombing fleet as with day raiders, primarily because it is so conveniently close to the European bases, but this does not alter the fact that night raids are becoming more widespread.

Worsening Weather

The worsening weather and thickening of the night defences when the weather is fine, detracts from the wisdom of making London the sole or even main target.

The defiance aircraft which, it is announced, will revert to their role of night fighter, is yet another type to harry Nazi planes after dark.

The Blenheim has been used for some time and there is evidence that a new American type is suitable for night use.

In raiding over an ever widening field, especially at night time, the enemy is following closely the R.A.F. plan of campaign, which seeks to cripple Germany's war effort with attacks of grow-

U.S. FACES ATTACK ON TWO OCEANS

The United States has been brought into a position where it must consider the possibility of a simultaneous attack in both oceans, said Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, in a Navy Day broadcast yesterday.—Reuter.

BLACK-OUTS IN MANCHURIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A.R.P. EXERCISES ARE TO BE HELD IN HARBIN AND PING-KIANG PROVINCE TOWARDS THE END OF THE PRESENT MONTH, SAID THE "MANCHURIA DAILY NEWS" YESTERDAY.

Preparations for the black-out must be completed by this week-end when the lighting equivalent of every house will be inspected. Inhabitants have been warned to be prepared for air raid signals which may be sounded at any time in the next few days.—Havas

ing intensity over the widest possible area.

Key To Mastery

Losses in aircraft and men on either side are fast losing their past significance, and unless the present course of the air war is dramatically changed, in Britain or in another theatre of war the key to air mastery may well resolve itself into a question of how quickly the R.A.F., with the help of American supplies, can match Germany's strength in bomber planes as we are now rapidly overhauling the enemy's total of fighter aircraft.—Reuter

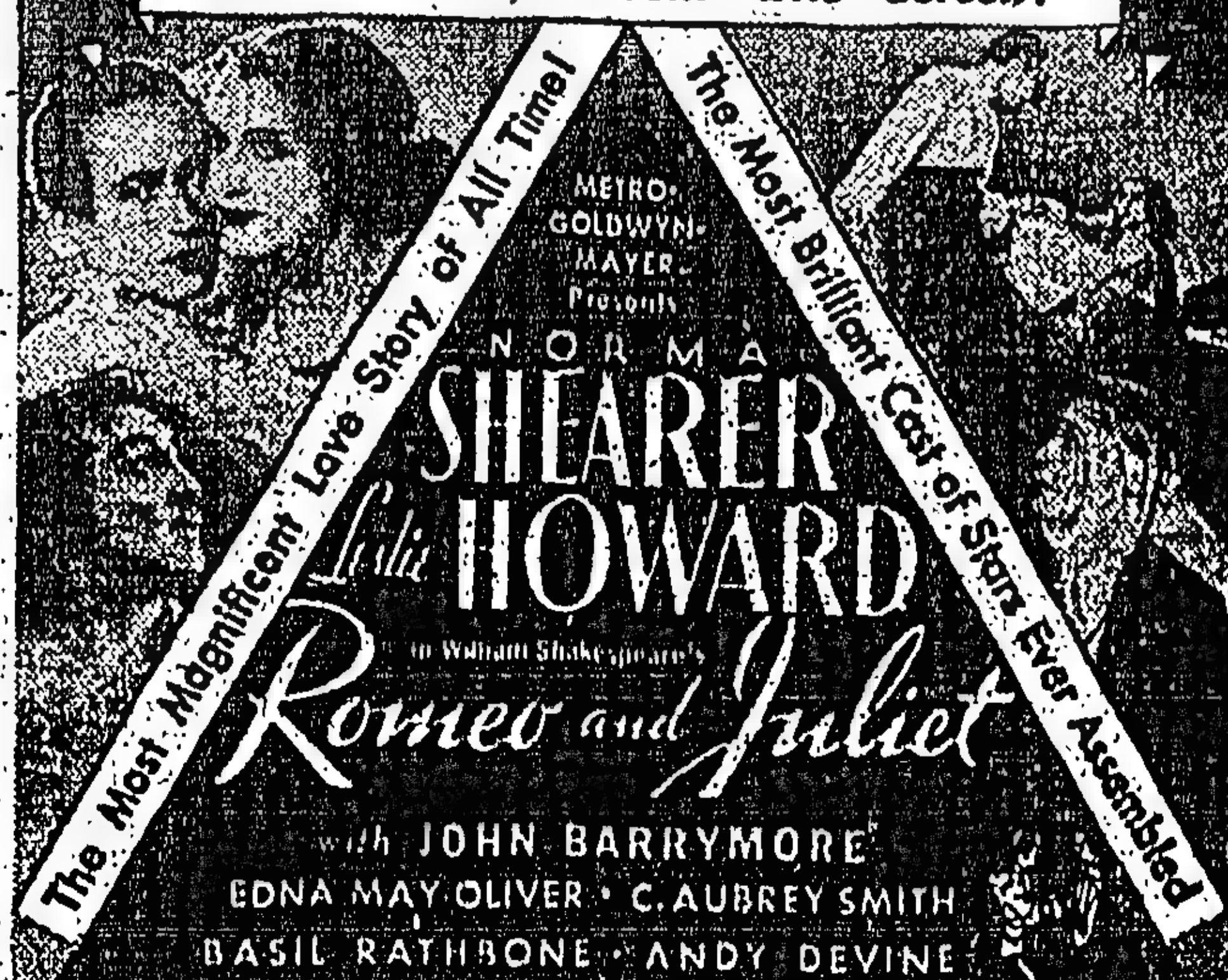
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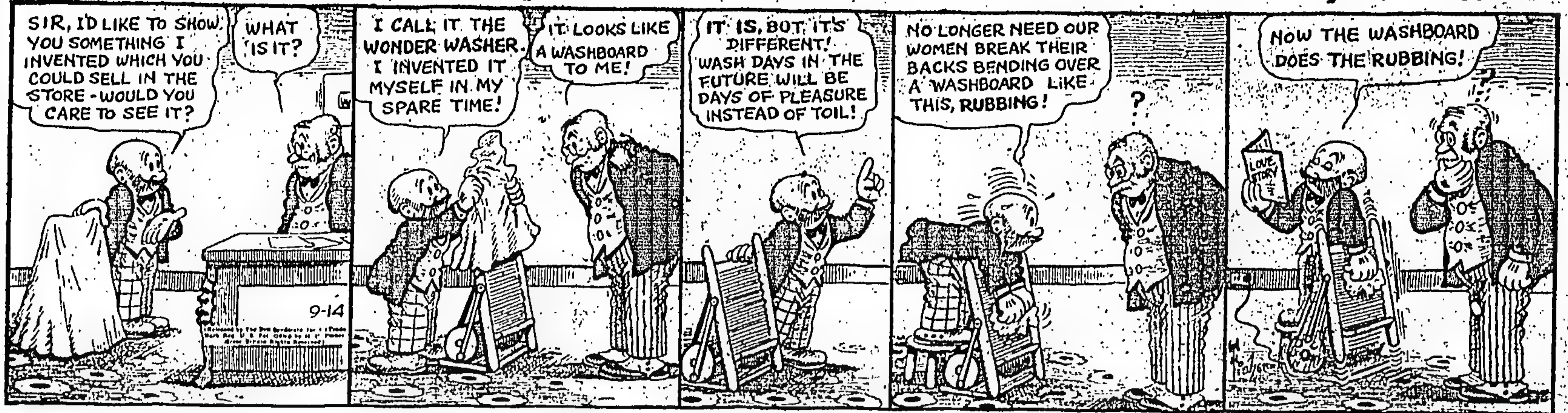
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Treasury Calls In Canadian Shares

A LARGE GROUP of Canadian securities running into many millions sterling have been transferred to the Treasury by Orders made under the Defence Regulations in London yesterday.

Two Orders affect Grand Trunk Perpetual 4 per cent. Consolidated debenture stock, a sterling issue, of which there is about £24,500,000 outstanding and on which interest is guaranteed by the Government of Canada, while a third Order deals with some 60 issues of Canadian railways and Canadian companies, payable solely or optionally in Canadian dollars.

These securities have been vested in the Treasury with a view to their realisation in Canada in such a manner that sales in Canadian markets will be orderly and subject to careful regulation in regard both to amount and time.

The securities were vested in the Treasury on Saturday and first payments on them will be made on Nov. 26.

Owners of securities affected are asked to deliver them forthwith to the Bank of England. Payment will be made in sterling in London after delivery is completed.

It is hoped that a substantial

part of the money involved will be transferred to war bonds.

Defence Bond Issue

In order to facilitate arrangements for subscription of this money the Bank of England will accept subscriptions for National War Bonds of £100 or any larger sum in multiples of one penny, and the Post Office will accept subscriptions of £25 and upwards (subject to a maximum of £1,000).

For Defence Bonds subscription must be for £5 or multiples thereof and no person may at any time hold Defence Bonds exceeding £1,000.—Reuter.

MIAMI 'CAPTAINS' FOR NAVY

Captains of Miami's famous charter boat fleet, several hundred strong, are being urged to apply for commissions as United States Naval Reserve officers, so they may be assigned to command small patrol boats, or even "mosquito" torpedo craft, in the event of national emergency.

Establishment of a fleet of small, swift torpedo boats in Miami is under consideration by the United States Navy Department, it has been learned.

The charter captains with their intimate knowledge of Florida and Bahaman waters and familiarity with small craft, would form a valuable group of officers for patrolling.

There is hardly anyone who has ever visited Miami who is not familiar with the famous "fleet" that daily sails forth to the Gulf Stream and neighbouring islands, returning at sunset, like a great marine parade, bringing in the triumphant deep-sea fishermen and tourists.

The Navy especially wants men under 27, but all experienced boatmen are being urged to file applications. The plan to commission the small boat operators was declared to be identical with the long-practiced policy of making reserve officers of air transport and merchant marine experts.

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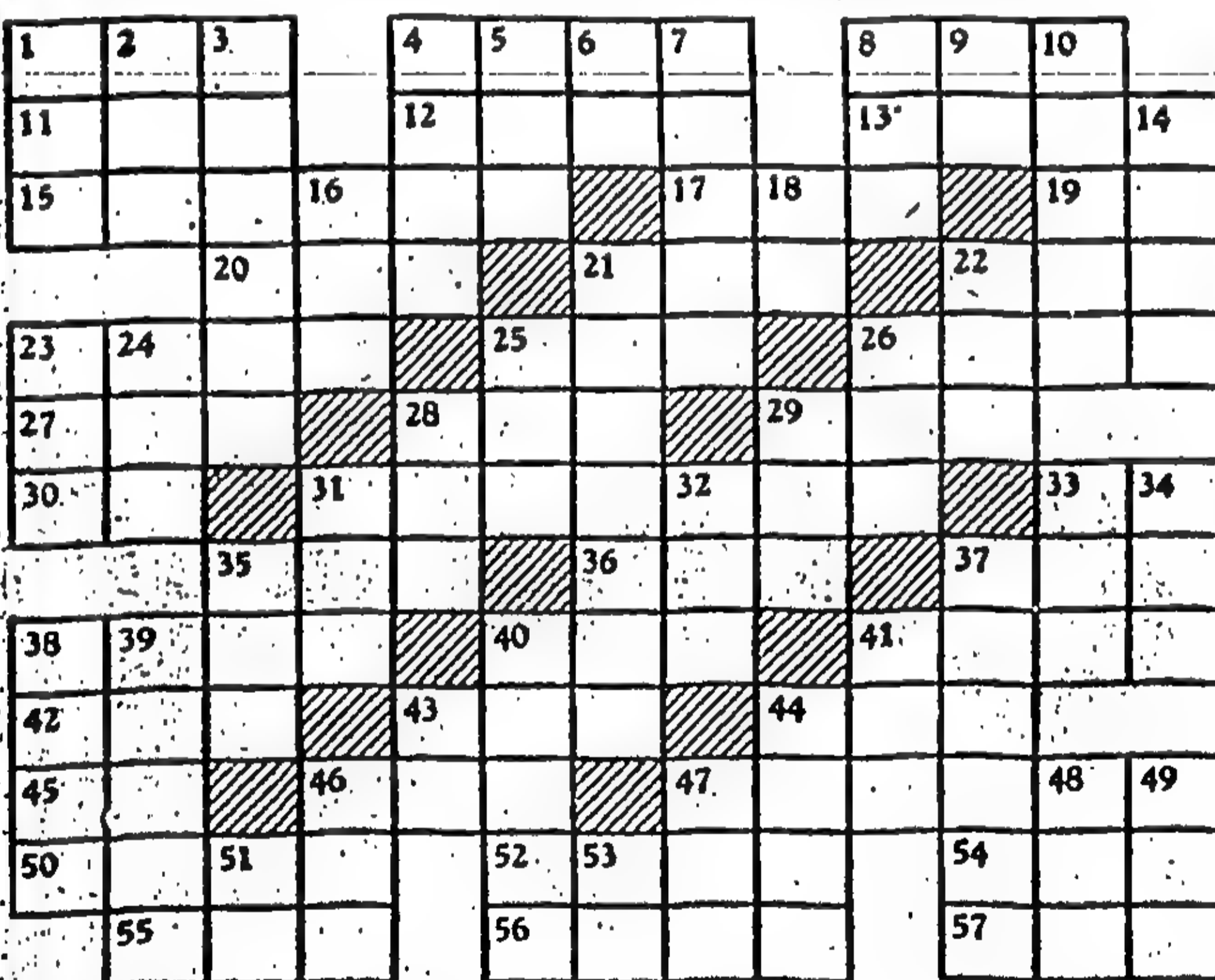


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- 4 Nutrient
- 8 Room in a harem
- 11 Wing
- 12 Jason's ship
- 13 To allot
- 15 Answer
- 17 To bow
- 19 European fish
- 20 Number
- 21 Male swan
- 22 Garland
- 23 Body of land surrounded by water
- 25 Beetle
- 26 Loaned
- 27 Fish eggs
- 28 Paint
- 29 Body of water
- 30 Exclamation of sorrow
- 31 Postponement
- 33 Mulberry
- 35 Crow's cry
- 36 Narrative poem
- 37 Contorted
- 38 Male deer
- 40 March
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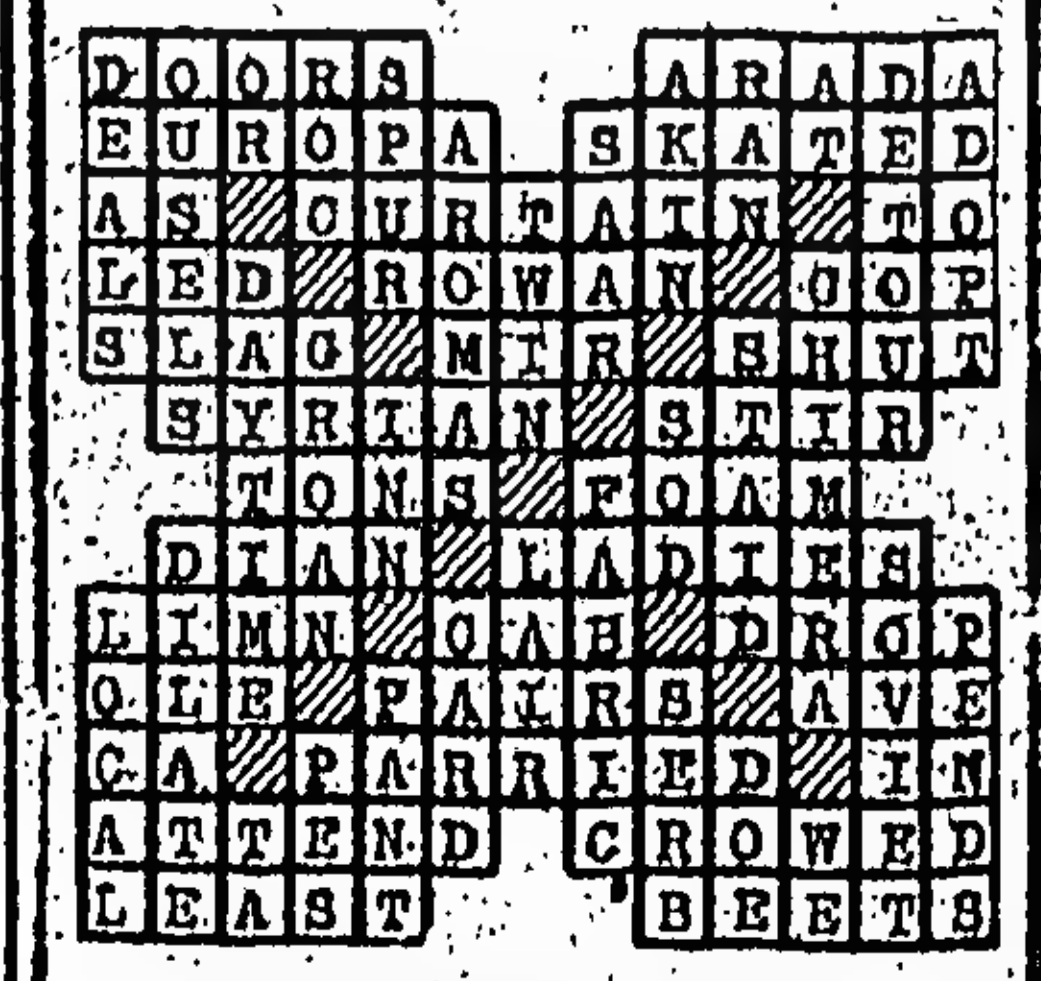
VERTICAL

- 1 Malay gibbon
- 2 Beverage
- 3 To weave into a network
- 4 Card game
- 5 Worthless leaving
- 6 King of Bashan
- 7 Giver
- 8 Strange

9 To act

- 10 Foreign
- 14 To prepare for publication
- 16 To be obliged to
- 18 Siberian river
- 21 Intricate
- 22 Meadow
- 23 War god
- 24 Kind of bean
- 25 God of the underworld
- 26 Sheltered
- 28 Moisture
- 29 Pigeon
- 31 Tatter
- 32 Man's name
- 33 Part of "to be"
- 34 The lily
- 35 Vehicle
- 37 Spills
- 38 Painful
- 39 Hackneyed
- 40 Became dull
- 41 Iniquity
- 43 Chinese measure
- 44 Row
- 46 Literary scraps
- 47 Tangle
- 48 Card game
- 49 Conclusion
- 51 Either
- 52 Note of scale

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION



ROAD MAGNET BOON

These should be punctureless days for the Missouri motorist. His autumn driving should be full of serenity. Why? The state, reports the American Public Works Association, has purchased a "road magnet" on wheels, whose sole duty it is to scour the highways, picking up nails, bolts, and other bits of metal lying in wait for unsuspecting automobile tires.

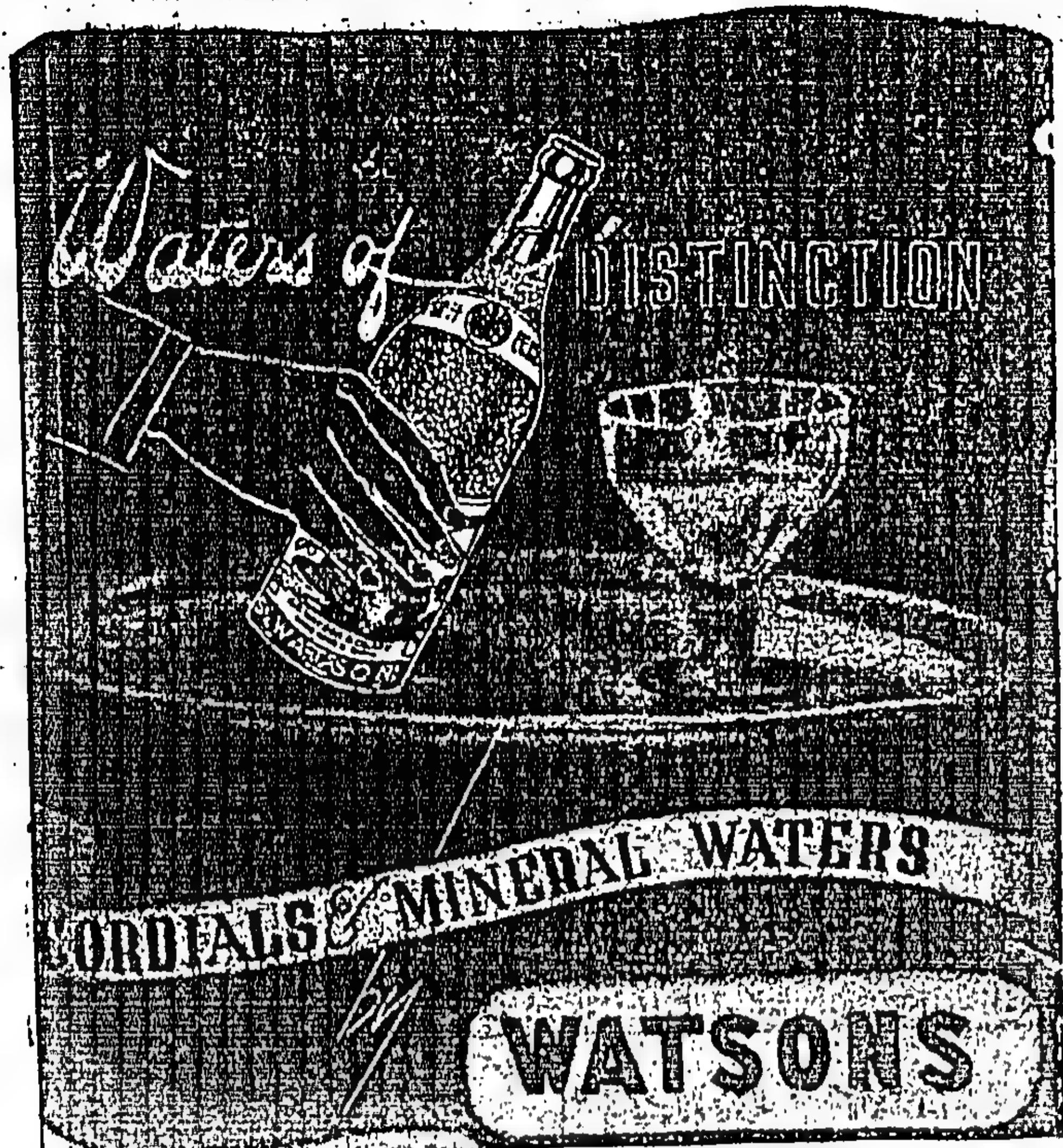
The device picks up, on an average, four and one-half pounds of iron a mile. It consists of three powerful electric magnets suspended from the chassis of a two-ton truck. A generator, mounted on the chassis and driven by a separate engine, supplies the current. The machine, according to the Association, was designed and built by the Missouri State Highway Department, and cost \$4,000.

The magnets are said to be capable of causing a three-pound object to leap four inches. The highway department says they do the best work when adjusted four inches above the pavement, and traveling 10 or 12 miles an hour.

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Taste Of Britain's Heaviest Bombs

BERLIN WAS FOR 90 minutes on Saturday night one of the main targets of R.A.F. activity over Germany extending from the Baltic coast to Leipzig and Cologne.

Berlin had a taste of bombs of the heaviest calibre yet carried.

A large fire was caused in an aero-engine factory in a north-west suburb, the Moabit power station which is one of Berlin's main sources of electric supply, and the Putlitzstrasse and Lehrter railwayyards were attacked with salvoes of high explosive bombs dropped from a low altitude.

Another British raiding force located the Brandenburg aero-engine factory at Spandau, a suburb ten miles north-west of the German capital, and attacked with high explosive and incendiaries, leaving a large fire burning fiercely.

Aircraft which made the 1,300-mile round trip to Politz, near Stettin, dropped several tons of explosives and incendiaries on the Norddeutsche Hydrierwerke oil refineries and started fires and explosions within the target area.

Big Fires

At Cologne, the Union Rheinische Braunkohle plant was attacked and big fires started inside a large factory building.

The Leuna oil refinery was straddled with sticks of heavy calibre bombs falling across the centre and north end of the plant, causing heavy explosions and outbreaks of fire.

Docks and shipping at Hamburg were bombed three times while numerous hits were scored on docks at Cuxhaven and harbour installations and shipping concentrations at Antwerp.—Reuter.

SHOTS BY R.A.F. MAN IN THE WEST END

An R.A.F. officer fired warning shots as he pursued a man suspected of posing as a pilot officer in the West End of London.

At the same time, a civilian, George William Lacey, a carman, who was on his way to work, collapsed and died, apparently from shock on hearing the firing, for he was not injured.

Later in the day Darcy Wilson, twenty-nine, barman, of Pitt Road, Thornton Heath, was remanded before Mr. McKenna, at Bow Street, on a charge of wearing the uniform of a pilot officer of the R.A.F. in Wild Street, Drury Lane, calculated falsely to suggest that he was acting in the service of his Majesty. He pleaded guilty.

It was stated that the police wished to make inquiries and applied for a remand.

Flight-Lieutenant John Forbes Andre Day said that when in Oxford Street that morning Wilson gave him a sloppy salute.

He felt suspicious, as it was not usual for a pilot officer to salute a flight-lieutenant. The man was also wearing a ribbon which was not right.

He spoke to him, and his conversation led him to believe he was an imposter.

"I put him under arrest," continued the flight-lieutenant, "but as we approached Adastral House he dived down a side street. To attract attention I fired my revolver at a blank wall."

"He did not stop and I fired again. I was running as hard as I could, and when I got round the corner two men stopped him."

15-HOUR FIGHT FOR LIFE

A desperate attempt lasting 15½ hours to save the life of a woman imprisoned by masonry after a bomb had hit a great London hospital failed dramatically.

The woman was a 32-year-old Australian masseuse. Four women were killed when the building in which she was sleeping was destroyed. Some hours later she herself was discovered alive, and rescue work began. But just as she was being brought to safety the air-raid sirens went. The shock was too much. She died immediately.

The famous old hospital was hit early in the morning. The masseuse was in one of the blocks that provide accommodation for the nursing staff. It was this block which received the full force of what is believed to have been a 1,000 lb. bomb.

Chunks of stone crashed through the air and a large hole showed all that was left of two massive floors.

Singing Patients

Most of them were recovering from serious operations, but they met their misfortune with magnificent spirit. As the medical staff, students and other helpers hurried in the darkness to their assistance the patients sang.

It seemed impossible that any of the people in the wrecked block could have escaped, yet 15 out of 20 were brought out alive. Hope had been almost abandoned for the remaining five when, with the coming of daylight, it was discovered that the masseuse was alive. The bed on which she had been sleeping was pinned beneath an enormous pile of debris, but a beam protected her from it.

She was able to talk to the men who approached. Elaborate preparations had to be made to bring her out without capsizing her. A hole was knocked in the side wall that remained standing, but she could not be moved owing to the pressure of the debris on her legs. She resigned herself to a long wait, asking only for acid drops.

Hundreds Watch

At a height of 50ft. she remained a prisoner, with only the corner of a red blanket to indicate her position. Steel scaffolding was erected on each side of the demolished building to provide a bridge.

At five p.m. the masseuse was slowly moved to the hole that had been made in the wall. Ten minutes later, as she was half way through it, the air raid sirens sounded and the shock killed her.

DR. BENES' SPRING PROMISE

A "definite transformation in all military operations" next Spring was promised his people by Dr. Benes, the Czechoslovak President, in a special broadcast last night on the eve of the 22nd anniversary of their National Independence Day.

The absolute failure of all German attempts to invade England; the almost incalculable losses the Germans have suffered in their aerial adventures; the impenetrable blockade of Germany which will be ever more intensified by growing British air superiority—all these, Dr. Benes said, will lead next spring to a definite transformation in all military operations.

Internal troubles in Germany and German-occupied countries will do the rest.

"This end of Nazi-ism will be terrible, terrible to all who have been guilty," he went on. "We are well prepared for it in our country!"

Referring to recent German attempts to persuade the Czechoslovaks to organise meetings to profess expressions of loyalty so that the world might suppose they were ready to collaborate with the Reich, Dr. Benes warned his people not to yield to this pressure.—Reuter.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN BERLIN

Reports of widespread damage in Berlin due to R.A.F. raids have been received in authoritative quarters in London from reliable neutral sources.

Outstanding examples of effective damage of military importance are:

The Siemens works, which supplies a great part of the German army's electrical equipment, was severely damaged;

One-third of the Loewe electrical factory is completely destroyed;

Half a chemical machinery factory was burned down;

The AEG turbine works and the Maig motor depot were badly damaged.

Two of Berlin's principal power stations have been further disorganised, by repeated attacks.

Without Gas

Charlottenburg went without gas for two days, according to a reliable report.

Dislocation of Berlin's railway traffic was increased by damage to the Underground, which is the most popular means of transport. One attack destroyed many vehicles in the city's main tram and bus depot.—Reuter.

DUST STORMS IN WESTERN DESERT

Severe dust storms in the Western Desert throughout Saturday were reported in a G.H.Q. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

In the Sudan and Kenya British fighting patrols were again active. From Palestine there is nothing to report.—Reuter.

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JAPAN'S RISK

The dangers to which the industry and the economy of Japan may be exposed as a result of her new alliance with the Axis Powers illustrate the risks the Japanese militarists are prepared to run in pursuit of their grandiose plans of conquest. After three years of exhausting war with China, Japan has not only failed to reap compensating benefits for her heavily-laden industries, but finds it necessary to exert a greater military effort than ever. The drain of the "incident" has told most heavily upon the civilian population and the foreign trade of the country, and there are limits to what either can stand.

Civilians can be made to wear rayon in place of cotton or wool, but for industry, in time of war, it is infinitely more difficult to dispense with iron, copper, oil, and rubber. The most significant fact, however, is that these materials are supplied at present predominantly from Anglo-American sources, few of them within easy reach of Japan. Australia has supplied important quantities of raw materials, the United States has exported special machinery, rolling-stock, special steels, and other industrial materials which Japan cannot at present produce for the satisfaction of her needs. The more responsible elements in Japan, those with an appreciation of her precarious situation, appear to be keenly alive to the appalling risk she runs if she should cut herself off from her supplies of these things. In the past, there has been no unwillingness to provide them in the normal course of trade, apart from such conservation of resources as may have been necessary to defence preparations. If, however, the new pact can mean no less than that Japan has entered into a clear-cut military alliance with our enemies, she can scarcely continue to count on the supply of potential war materials from those against whom she has declared herself. The extremists in Japan are not likely to be deterred from their course by economic danger so long as they imagine their available military supplies to be sufficient for the next immediate step, but they have every reason to fear the power of an Anglo-American trade embargo to bring their war machine to a standstill.

When war broke out a year ago, we had in Britain the best organised machine for film propaganda in the world. We had what even Dr. Goebbels hadn't: a group of specialists, some of them with ten years' experience, skilled in the use of the most lasting of all propaganda weapons—the film.

Some had studied film propaganda in America, France and Germany. Foreign experts said that their work was of high quality. "The documentary film people" were ready to work overtime night and day at the job of foreign propaganda.



To-day, a year later, we look back on twelve months practically wasted. Some of our best technicians are either foot-slogging in the Army, or awaiting their call-up, making a few short films. To all intents, the knowledge and experience we had accumulated over ten years have scarcely been used in the national interest. Yet we are a reserved occupation over thirty!

The documentary film people should, of course, have been taken over lock, stock and barrel by the Government's Ministry of Information and set to develop the field they knew so well. Instead, they have been left to pounce on the odd scraps of films which the M. of I.'s Film Division cares to drop around. And most, if not all, of these films are for British audiences.

The fight for the proper use of film for foreign propaganda is not new. It flared up over what films Britain should send to represent itself to the American people at last year's New York World's Fair. It was the documentary people then, and not the official bodies, who saw that an honest expression of the British character was presented to the Americans.

That there were people in authority blind to the real spirit of the British people was bad enough in peace-time; but to-day it is positively dangerous. Overseas nations now more than ever need a clear and honest picture of the everyday British people who are pitting their all against annihilation.

Two bodies appear responsible for this vital job of foreign propaganda: The British Council and the Ministry of Information. The Films Committee of the former still retains the Guilty Men who epitomise the old school of foreign propaganda. There is not a single professional film publicist among them.

Relations between this Olde Worlde body, with its faded understanding of the British people, and the M. of I. appear obscure. Neither seems clear as to what the other is supposed to do, except that each has agreed to mind its own business. Their respective business is somewhat ambiguously defined as the difference between "political" and "cultural" films. What a side-lough this must give Dr. Goebbels!

The British Council's Film Department, which is now extending its premises, has £71,800 to spend on cultural films for overseas, so its secretary tells me. This figure includes cost of copies of films and transit charges, but not establishment costs.

With this sum it is busy making such films as Britain's Reply to the Nazi Challenge, which puts forward the folk songs of the Scottish shepherd and the Welsh miner as a contrast to the Nazi youth worship of the military marching tune.

Americans, no doubt, will recall that the Nazis entered Oslo to the music of "Roll Out the Barrel," a tune not unknown in the British Army. It has also a film on Hitler's war effort, naturally without reference to Elro, American audiences are not, of course, attuned to March of Time's controversial voice on such a subject of dynamite.



not let the enemy know we are sending films abroad. Maybe silence is a useful cloak here because I doubt if the Ministry has completed a single film designed specifically for export.

We have no doubt sent abroad foreign language versions of a few documentaries—Squadron 992 and Behind the Guns—but these were made primarily for home use. We have produced no equivalent of the Nazi Baptism of Fire, their film of the Polish invasion designed to scare neutrals, nor should we in content.

But we could have produced films of Democracy in the working and of the kind of world we hope to build when this war is over. In 12 months we could have put on the screens across the world 50 films of British outlook, British strength and British heroism. But does this rest with the M. of I. or with the Foreign Office, the Department of Overseas Trade, or perhaps the Armed Services themselves?

Neither the R.A.F. nor the Navy has an official Film Unit. News reels are sometimes given facilities. But it cannot be stressed too often that newsreel cameramen "shoot" for the special job of Stop Press news and their stuff is

It has made films of British bloodstock and Thames shipping and has now films being made about Lloyd's and Art in Industry. But if it is suggested that these are hardly the films that Americans or Argentinians or Japanese or Siamese expect to see of the

By
Paul Rotha

British people with their backs to the wall, the British Council can shrug its gentlemanly shoulders and refer to its pledge to make only "cultural" films.

How many films in 12 months on "political" subjects, then, has the M. of I. made specifically for foreign showing? The answer must be on the secret list; we must

seldom suitable for considered propaganda. The Army has a Film Unit of two men at home and two abroad. None of them is a producer or director and they have no commission to do other than act as a sort of extra newsreel unit.

Some of their film is put into vaults for "Mr. Posterity," as official records are jocularly called, and some offered to the newsreels by whom it is consistently rejected, not because it is poor but because the newsreels have already covered the items.

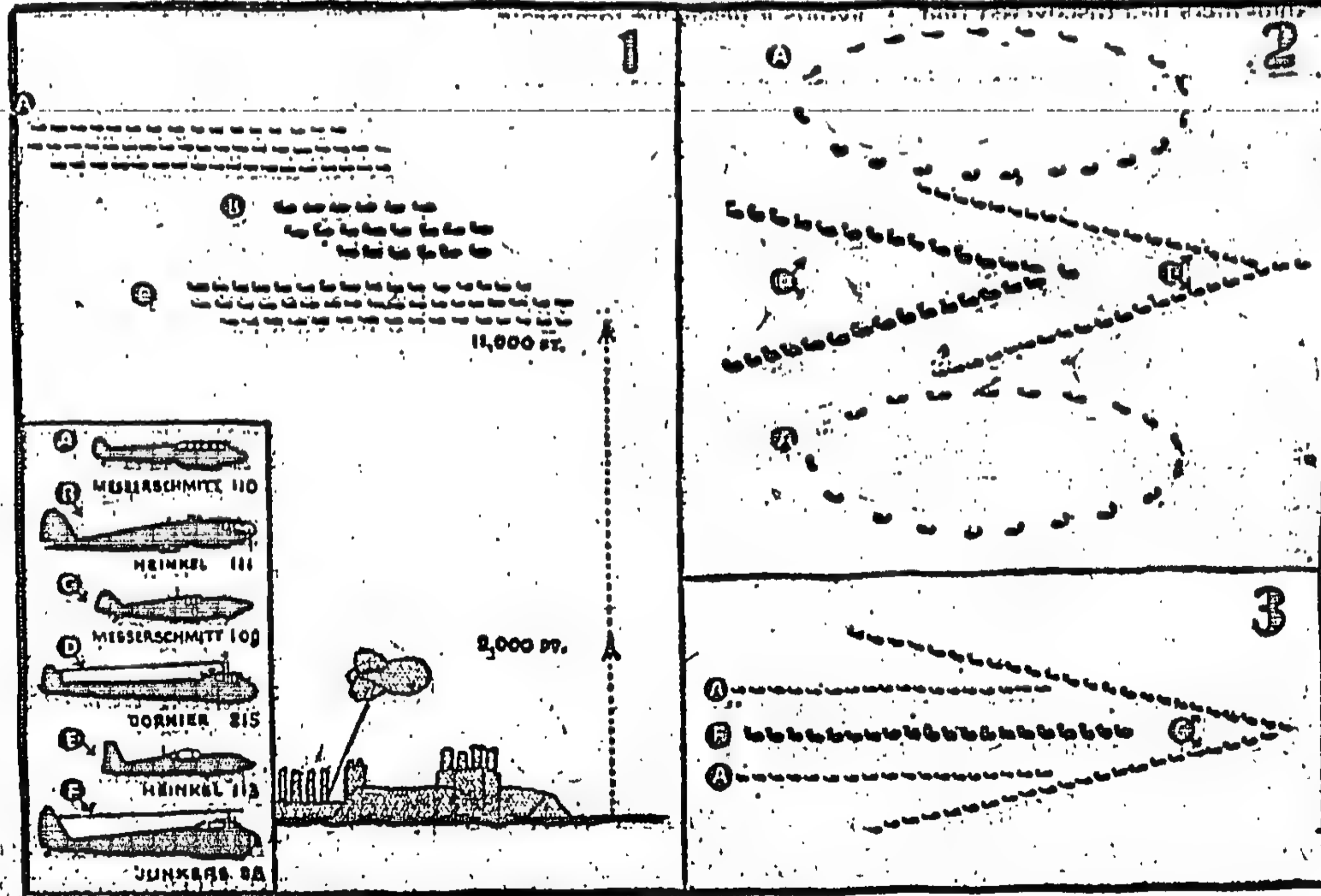
So we may well ask, with the Americans and the Argentinians, where are the films of the Men of the Tank Corps, the Big Guns, the Service Corps and the Infantry? Where is the day-to-day drama of bomber squadrons taking off into the dusk?

When asked to explain this astonishing failure to use British films to tell the world, the convenient reply is "The Treasury won't give money for films." But I wonder if this is the only reason? Do those in whose power it rests to order such films really have the will to make them? Are they anxious to reflect what the Press calls the Will of the People? Are they eager to tell neutrals that Britain is changing from the status quo that led to Munich?

Can this avoidance of facts be why the British Council makes films of Oxford, the City of Learning, and British bloodstock and not of bomber pilots and destroyer ratings? And, most important of all, of the British people at war on their own hearths? Or is it the simpler reason that these official bodies still have no real contact with the spirit of the people whose war it is?

Just before the war a brilliant satire was written on the British film industry called "Nobody Ordered Wolves." Better than any balance-sheets or bankruptcy courts it showed why the British film trade fell into disrepute. Someone had better get busy to-day on a book about the official film activity of the war. They can call it "Nobody Ordered Films."

How The Raiders Come



THESE diagrams attempt to answer a most difficult question. Many people want to know what tactics the German air force employs when its squadrons attack Britain.

They want to know whether the enemy aircraft arrive over the coast approaches in formation, and what are those formations. Also, they want to know how the enemy uses fighters to protect his bombers.

The enemy is full of tricks, and is not at all bound by convention or habit. He'll try anything once. So the German bombers with their attendant fighters cross the Channel in varying numbers, in all sorts of formations.

One thing is clear. The Germans have discovered at great cost just how vulnerable their bombers are to our fighters. Their bombers are now protected by enormous masses of fighters. Often the bombers are protected by five times their number of fighters.

Diagram (1) is a side-shot over a town like Dover. Some 20 Heinkel He.111 bombers have come over in the sandwich formation. They are the ham in a Messerschmitt sandwich. Above and below them fly layers or slices of Me.109 fighters—50 fighters to the slice. Not shown in the elevation picture are the other fighters with a roving commission. These are Messerschmitt 110 twin-engined fighters. Several single machines are flying on the flanks of the sandwich formation ready to defend it against attack.

This formation will be held until the coast is reached, when the bombers will break up into several small groups and go their several ways, each with a share of this fighter escort. The twin-engined fighters either hang about looking for British fighters or return home.

It does not always happen just like this because the R.A.F. often interfere with the German plans. Now turn to diagrams (2) and (3). These are either worm or

bird's eye views. In diagram (2) a formation of Dornier 215 bombers is being escorted to Britain. The bombers fly in arrow head formation. In front and above fly guardian Heinkel 113 single-seat fighters, twice as many fighters as bombers. On the flanks groups of Messerschmitt 110's fly about on the merry-go-round plan, looking for the trouble they will inevitably find.

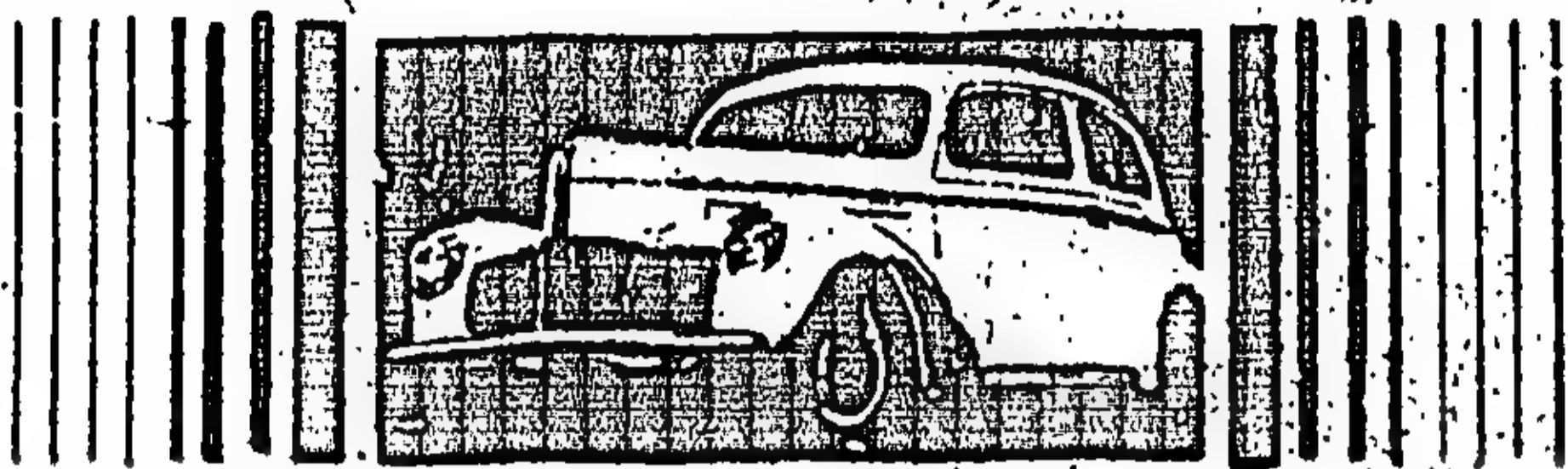
Diagram (3) follows the same general idea; but the Junkers Ju. 88 bombers are flying in line astern. In front and above fly the Me. 109's. For the protection of the flanks and the rear of the bomber formation Messerschmitt 110's also fly in line astern, above the bombers but below the arrow-head of fighters.

With all their varying formations, the Germans like to send over separate groups of fighters to act as decoys, intended to divert the attention of our fighters from the following formation and to draw the fire of our guns.

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PILOT CAUGHT BY VILLAGERS IN A BLANKET

WE'VE A NEW GAME down here at Hell's Corner—chasing Nazi parachuting pilots, writes a correspondent.

Every one who sees a parachute come down races to the spot where he thinks it will land in an effort to be the captor. There were three more in this area. I got the stories of two of them from a captain who won these two races.

He saw one parachute coming down, jumped into his car and said to his driver: "Off we go, hell for leather." Sixty miles an hour along ten miles of country lanes and he found the Nazi hanging helpless, his parachute entangled in a tree.

He got help from other people, and they held out a blanket in a fireman's rescue act while one of them climbed a tree and cut the Nazi loose. He tumbled into the blanket.

Near A Church

All this near a village church. The enemy said he could speak only a few words of English. The captain didn't believe it, and gave him two Sunday papers which told of Saturday's German air losses.

After reading a few paragraphs the Nazi said: "This is all untrue!" The captain's comment was: "I thought you didn't know English."

You couldn't guess what happened next. Strong country voices raised in harmonious praise came out of the open church windows into the hot summer scene.

The German's mouth opened in bewilderment. Here in our front line country folk were singing: Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war.

Then the British captain went to lunch. Halfway through he heard another plane crash. Into his car again, and he captured his second parachutist.

He was the pilot of a medium bomber which had crashed in flames. The other member of the crew was dead.

This live one didn't believe either how the Luftwaffe is suffering in this offensive.

A third Nazi pilot, scared to death when he first landed, later became normal, and later said he had never been so kindly treated. He spoke feelingly of the treatment he had had in hospital, and issued a general invitation to the hospital staff to visit him in his villa beside the Rhine when the war is over.

YARD HUNT SKYLIGHT SPY LIGHTS

The Secret Service and Special Branch detectives are cooperating on inquiries into reports of lights and even flares being shown near munition works and airfields during air raids in various parts of Britain.

Scotland Yard special branch have since the intensification of London air raids, been inundated with complaints of alleged signalling. While most of the cases are due to carelessness, full investigation is being made.

A number of the complaints deal with lights seen showing from the top floors in the West End, rooms which are sometimes occupied by people of foreign nationalities.

The possibility that Fifth Columnists may endeavour to obtain such favourable positions for signalling cannot be overlooked. In the meantime West End police are concerned about air raid roof parties which are becoming a menace.

The Commissioner of Police is contemplating granting new powers, by which it will be possible for police officers and wardens to raid these roof parties which are becoming a menace as torches and matches are used.

R. A. F. REPLY TO NAZIS

The German attacks on London in the main take the form of promiscuous bombing. At night the raiders are so high that even when legitimate targets are aimed at a hit is only secured by chance.

It is not the intention of the R.A.F. to bomb Berlin or any other city promiscuously. Such an offensive is considered by the highest military authorities in Great Britain and the United States to be not merely barbarous but unprofitable.

Many thousands of people are saying: "We must do the same to Berlin as the Germans are doing to London."

Neither the German air force in their night raids on Britain nor the R.A.F. in their night raids on Germany suffer heavy casualties. There is, therefore, little prospect of a decision other than by destroying the enemy's means of attack. The R.A.F. will continue with ever-increasing weight to damage the enemy's aircraft factories and munition factories, oil stores and aerodromes.

Will Go On

The enemy is concentrating his efforts on his present raids, and it is a hopeful sign that he is not able simultaneously to attack in force in any other direction; but the hope that this phase can be brought to an early end is unfounded. The German air force has been hit very hard and its resources have been impaired. There may be some shortage of fuel and not an unlimited supply to plane crews.

Any way it is obviously incapable of attacking with the weight and numbers that were fully expected a year ago. Yet he will go on, and with lengthening hours of darkness the opportunity for promiscuous bombing will improve.

Weather will give us periods of respite; but here again the enemy has the advantage of shorter distance to travel. As a consequence he will sometimes be able to attack during gales which may prevent the R.A.F. from going so far as Berlin. But our defences are being strengthened, and also scientifically improved. As to the civilian population every day sees them more determined.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO

Members of the Dutch colony in London who attended the special service in their little church in the City in honour of Queen Wilhelmina's sixtieth birthday, could look upon a memorial tablet to Grotius, the first great international lawyer.

In was unveiled by Lord Athlone, only eighteen months ago. The Queen was represented on that occasion by her Foreign Minister. The Lords, Halifax and Macmillan made eloquent appeals for the settlement of prevailing disputes by arbitration such as Grotius had suggested.

German delegates arrived in full force and rendered lip service to the cause of peace.

It was the first big service held in the church since the unveiling.

Silent Prayer

Queen Wilhelmina is perturbed about the fate of her octogenarian chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Welter, who married her, christened and married Princess Juliana, and also christened the Princess's first child.

He had long been one of the most trusted advisers of the Royal house, and his slight, bearded figure was frequently seen at the Queen's luncheon table.

Dr. Welter is a profound scholar and a great authority on the Dutch Reformed Church. The Nazis in Holland forbid prayers for the Queen and the Royal family. When a minister reaches the place

in the service where the prayer used to be said he maintains silence and he and the congregation pray inaudibly.

BLONDE KILLED BY SIREN SLAYER

SIRENS WERE SOUNDING the "All clear" as a twenty-three-year-old blonde, Jean Brown, was lying murdered in her basement flat at Plymouth. People sitting on the stairs above heard nothing of what happened in the flat.

The dead woman was discovered—by a man who lived in another flat—lying fully dressed on the floor near her bed. She had been strangled.

Deputy Chief Constable W. T. Hutchings, with other C.I.D. officers, searched all night for clues. The woman, unmarried, had lived in the flat for two years. She was known as "Blondie" Strange.

She had a two-year-old daughter, Pamela, who was with relatives in the town.

Most of the evening she had spent in a public house, leaving at 10.15 with a sailor. Police visited barracks, questioning men who had been anywhere near the flat.

A friend said: "Jean was with me till she left the public house. Shortly before the 'All clear' sounded she got up to leave with a sailor."

"As she went past the door two other sailors said something and one stroked her hair. The sailor with her seemed to object to this and told the two others to come outside."

"All of them went into the passage and soon afterwards a man has been detained."

Afraid Of Dark

Before she left she told a barmaid that she was afraid to go home in the dark because there were so many "roughs" in the streets.

Police are attempting to account for the woman's movements from the time she was seen to leave the public house to the time she died—only ten minutes according to the police surgeon's estimate.

The flat is only 300 yards from the public house.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gulliford, who lives in the flat above that in which the murder was committed, said: "I was sitting on the stairs during the raid alarm and heard no one go into the flat below."

CLOSER LINKS WITH U.S. ON DEFENCE

WARM APPROVAL HAS been expressed in the United States for the tightening of what Mr. Churchill calls the "association of interests" between the United States and the British Commonwealth through the defence negotiations with Canada and the United Kingdom.

It was unfortunate that the events called forth a suggestion in London that they looked to the signing of a military alliance. Mr. Churchill's speech described precisely the status of the relations.

Inevitably, in a world where the United States as well as the United Kingdom is alone the relation must get closer. But the movement on the American side will be gradual, especially in this election year, and any anticipation of the form the relations might take eventually is as unwise as it is premature. Sufficient that every week marks progress.

Of first importance is the economic tie. Data released this week bear out the description in the Commons of the great amount of munitions imported from America. It is even charged in New York that American manufacturers are giving British orders preference over American orders.

The fact is that many contracts for domestic equipment are held up by the argument over taxation. A Bill embodying an excess profits tax and permission to business men to write off new plant expansion rapidly is still the subject of controversy within a Congressional Committee.

Significant Change

In the diplomatic field, where policy is on a twenty-four hour basis, American mails via Transatlantic Clipper are again being routed through Bermuda, and this is of vast import to Britain. It means that American mails along this route will once again be subjected to British censorship.

Objections to such interference in the early days of the war prompted the Pan-American Airways to omit Bermuda as a port of call. Now the reinstatement is issued simultaneously with the news that Washington no longer has any objections to the Bermuda censorship. In anticipation of the step, which will intensify the financial and economic blockade of Germany and Italy, a hundred new censors have just arrived at Hamilton.

Perhaps the increasing signs of improvement in Washington-Moscow relations may be set down as evidence of British-American alignment. It is certainly pointed enough, so pointed, indeed, that Tokyo is showing signs of alarm. Ambassador Horinouchi has been recalled from Washington, and his place may be taken, according to news from Japan, by a Japanese industrial statesman.

How far the United States will go towards Moscow is problematical. Perhaps only so far as to secure the Japanese or, in other words, to fortify the vigorous diplomacy of protest which is still being directed at Tokyo.

It is interesting that the United States seems to be cutting new ground in this kind of opportunist diplomacy as well as in military engagements.

Methods Of Help

The Presidential campaign is being monopolised by Mr. Willkie, but the President will not lose any publicity by his silence. He can always capture the headlines on his job and any move in the international field is sure to push Mr. Willkie aside, as was almost done in the conversations with Mr. Mackenzie King. This got parallel attention with Mr. Willkie's acceptance speech. It is thought that Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, who is now in Canada, may be working out some method of aid-

ing Canada in financing its war effort. This might be done through a currency agreement.

Loans are envisaged, too, for though Canada is excluded from the American money market as a belligerent, repeal of the ban so far as the Dominion is concerned has already passed the House in a clause attached to a Bill for enlarging the capital of the Export Import Bank.

So Canada may become much more than an interpreter's house as the result of the new United States-Canadian arrangements. A joint interest is arising between Britain and America, in Arthur Krock's words, in which "individual concessions become common and essential assets."

PREMIER IN DOCKLAND

The Prime Minister was in the East End of London during the early part of a recent night's air raid. Business kept him in Downing Street until the early evening, when he set out on an informal tour of Dockland.

Everywhere he went Mr. Churchill was quickly recognised and given a most enthusiastic reception. Crowds gathered around him shouting "Good old Winston."

"Cheer up. We are winning," was Mr. Churchill's remark to one East End woman. His tour had not concluded when the alarm was sounded. He stayed for a time in the East End before returning to Downing Street.

TRIBUTE TO MERCHANT NAVY BY FIRST LORD

MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, First Lord of the Admiralty, writes: As First Lord of the Admiralty, it is one of my major tasks to employ the might of the Royal Navy to safeguard the great ocean convoys, and the scarcely less important coastal convoys, and to ensure that they continue in and out of our ports, despite the relentless efforts of the enemy to destroy them.

It is not unnatural, therefore, that I should welcome the opportunity of saying a brief word about its work during the first year of war.

"Magnificent"

That work has been consistently magnificent. The movement of our convoys has continued steadily and without interruption. This has been possible because we have been able to count upon the Merchant Navy willingly facing any danger with which our convoys might be threatened.

But they have been ready to face danger far worse than this. Not all ships have been conveyed; thousands of voyages have been made by gallant crews through the dangerous areas out into the oceans, relying on their own use of the defensive armament which we have supplied to them, and on their own superb seamanship. They have learned to man their own defences with skill, and, whenever necessity

150 GO TO GAOL SHIP

Till War Ends

Armoured vehicles and 100 police carrying rifles escorted ten buses containing 150 interned men for part of a 130-mile journey from Londonderry to Strangford, County Down.

The men were on their way from Londonderry gaol to a 5,000-ton prison ship, anchored in Strangford Lough. They will stay in the ship until the war ends.

Soldiers and policemen guarded the route from the jail to the barracks, where the prisoners were sorted for the journey to Strangford.

All streets near the prison were closed by barbed wire entanglements; people had to show identity cards; streets adjoining the prohibited area were barricaded.

Prisoners, and police armed with rifles, sat in alternate seats in the buses. Before and after every bus was a police tender full of armed men.

Anti-British songs were sung by the prisoners, but people in the streets were silent as the buses passed.

The interned men—suspected leaders of an outlawed organisation—will soon be joined by 104 others now in Belfast gaol.

"SERIOUS DEFECTS" IN U.S. ARMY

A remarkable allegation about the poor condition of the United States Army was made in the New York "Times."

Mr. Hanson Baldwin, who contributes the article, says that the recent army manoeuvres disclosed "inadequate equipment, a high percentage of 'green' officers, raw recruits in all units of the Regular Army and National Guard, and serious deficiencies in staff and command work even in the elementary fundamentals of soldiering."



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BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces

Crime Doesn't Pay! No. 15

We'll help the members of the Crime Club by announcing that South committed the crime on the hand below. The bidding was a trifle optimistic but not censurable; and the opening lead was favourable. But South forsook the straight and narrow path of Bridge virtue.

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q J 4
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A J 10 9
♣ Q J

♠ A 10 9 8
♥ 6 5 2
♦ K 5
♣ 10 9 8 7

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♠ 7 2
♥ 4
♦ Q 7 6 3 2
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

♠ 6 5 3
♥ A K Q J 10 9
♦ 8 4
♣ A K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the ten of clubs, not dreaming that a diamond lead would have stopped South dead in his tracks.

South won with the King of clubs and drew the adverse trumps. He then led a low spade, West ducked, and dummy won with the Jack. A club to the Ace put South in for another spade, lead towards dummy. But West ducked again, and dummy won with the Queen.

Now South's only chance was that the Ace of spades would drop, so he led a low spade from the dummy. But West won with the ten of spades and led the Ace. South ruffed, of course, but had to surrender a diamond later on, thus losing the Slam.

What was South's crime? Decide for yourself before reading on.

South committed his crime when he drew the third round of trumps. He should have foreseen the possible need of getting back to his own hand from the dummy. Correct play is to draw only two trumps and then lead a spade. Dummy wins and South gets back by leading the third trump at this point. Another spade is ducked by West again, and dummy wins and returns a club to South's Ace. Now South can lead spades for third time from the South hand, and West can do nothing to defeat the contract.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ 9
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 4 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. This bid shows moderate strength and support for any suit, but hearts. If your values are not shown at this point, it is likely that you will never again have a safe chance to show them.

Score 100% for one no-trump, 30% for pass.

Question No. 549

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 8 6 5 3
♥ A
♦ K 5 3
♣ K 4 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maler
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

REICH STRIPPING FRANCE BARE

GERMANY IS stripping France bare, taking what the Germans want and, when they pay for what they seize, it is with restricted marks that are not worth anything, according to Dr. Charles Bove, chief surgeon of the American Hospital in Paris.

"That is the great tragedy," Dr. Bove, who arrived in New York aboard the steamship "Excambion" of the American Export Lines, after more than 20 years in France, said.

"They are taking the best of everything. I never crossed into unoccupied France, but I know that in the occupied section Frenchmen are convinced that Germany will go ahead when she is good and ready and take over the whole country. They are playing with the Vichy Government, but when they are ready, they will crush the entire country. Right now they have about 2,500,000 soldiers spread over occupied France and there isn't a

foot of it without a German soldier in charge."

The French people are "numbed and in a daze," he declared, and are now waiting for "a miracle to happen to save them."

Dr. Bove said the Nazi Government was sending thousands of German civilians into occupied France every day and changing their upkeep against occupation costs, which the French, under the terms of the armistice, must pay.

"They are coming in by truckloads all the time," he continued.

"I estimate that there are about 300,000 of them now in occupied France, and these thousands will be added to the war cost charged against the French and at the same time they will relieve the pressure in Germany."

Dr. Bove said he had travelled about 1,000 kilometres through occupied France and that the Germans had taken his motor car, a horse, and all his possessions. He found it best to return to the United States in view of this, he said, and because of reports in Europe that this country would soon enter the war on the side of Great Britain.

In the face of denials that Hitler had attempted an invasion of England, Dr. Bove declared the Germans had tried to cross the channel and that they had been repulsed with heavy losses.

AUSTRALIAN BOMBERS

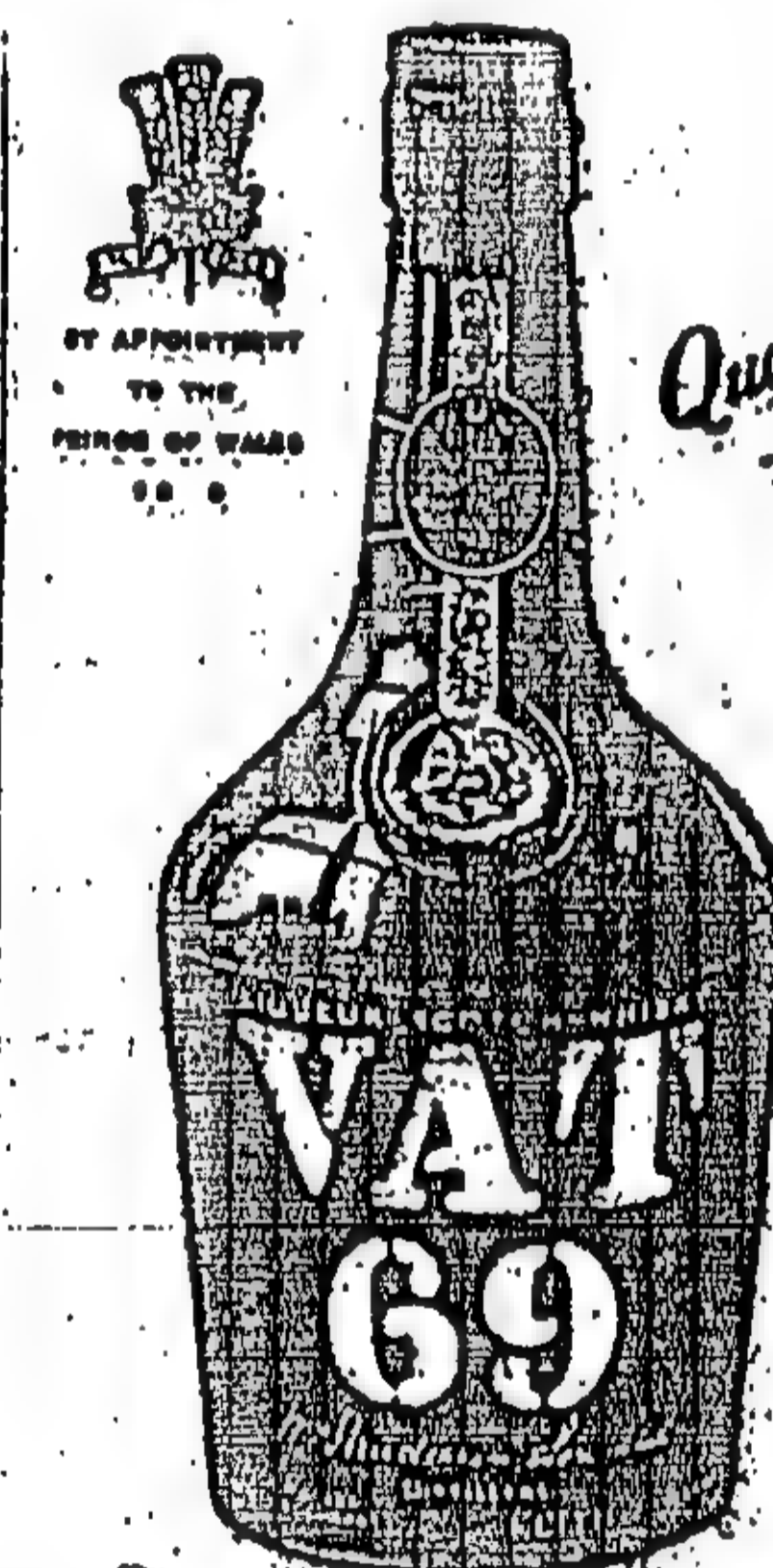
In the face of a succession of unforeseen difficulties, Bristol Beaufort bombers are to be produced in Australia at the rate of one a day toward the middle of next year. This undertaking was first suggested by the British air mission which visited the Commonwealth early in 1939. The United Kingdom and Commonwealth Governments agreed to place a joint order for 400 Beauforts to meet the needs of the United Kingdom in the Far East and of Australia, and the Commonwealth Government undertook to set up the necessary manufacturing organisation.

All plans for the industry were based on pre-war conditions. The Bristol Company was to supply plans, tools, jigs, 10 sets of fabricated parts, and 10 sets of raw materials for the building of the first 20 aircraft. The plans arrived after war had broken out, and had in consequence to be completely rechecked, and the Bristol Company found itself unable to provide any tooling. As a result 27,000 of the requisite 33,000 jigs and tools have been made in Australia. It was feared that some at least of the promised sets of parts and materials would be unobtainable, but the Air Ministry has now advised the Government that delivery will be completed as soon as practicable. The bombers were to have been equipped with British Taurus engines, which, with the outbreak of war, became unobtainable. It was then decided to adapt the Beaufort airframes to carry American-type twin-row Wasp engines and to manufacture these in Australia, and a factory for their production is now in course of erection.

An Intricate Undertaking

Thus, in spite of all the complications inseparable from war, the intricate undertaking is proceeding almost to the air mission's schedule. The first airframe should be delivered early next year, the production of engines will begin in the first half of 1941, and the order should be completed a year later. To make good the shortages of British supply the Government are seeking alternative supplies in the United States, and the pace of the undertaking will be largely determined by the success of this quest. A member of the Aircraft Commission has gone to New York to buy material and equipment, with the aid of the British Purchasing Commission, and it is expected that all essentials will be forthcoming. A number of Wasp engines have already been ordered in the United States, and inquiries are being made for more, as an insurance against unforeseen delays in the production of engines in Australia.

Work on the production of airframe and engine parts is proceeding at workshops in several States, at annexes to large engineering establishments and at many sub-contractors' premises. The project will employ some thousands of persons and will be the largest single manufacturing industry in Australia, the only organisation of comparable size being the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited. The foundations of an immense organisation were laid only a year ago. Probably in no other country in the world has an industry of such magnitude been started from scratch in so short a time and in spite of so many obstacles.



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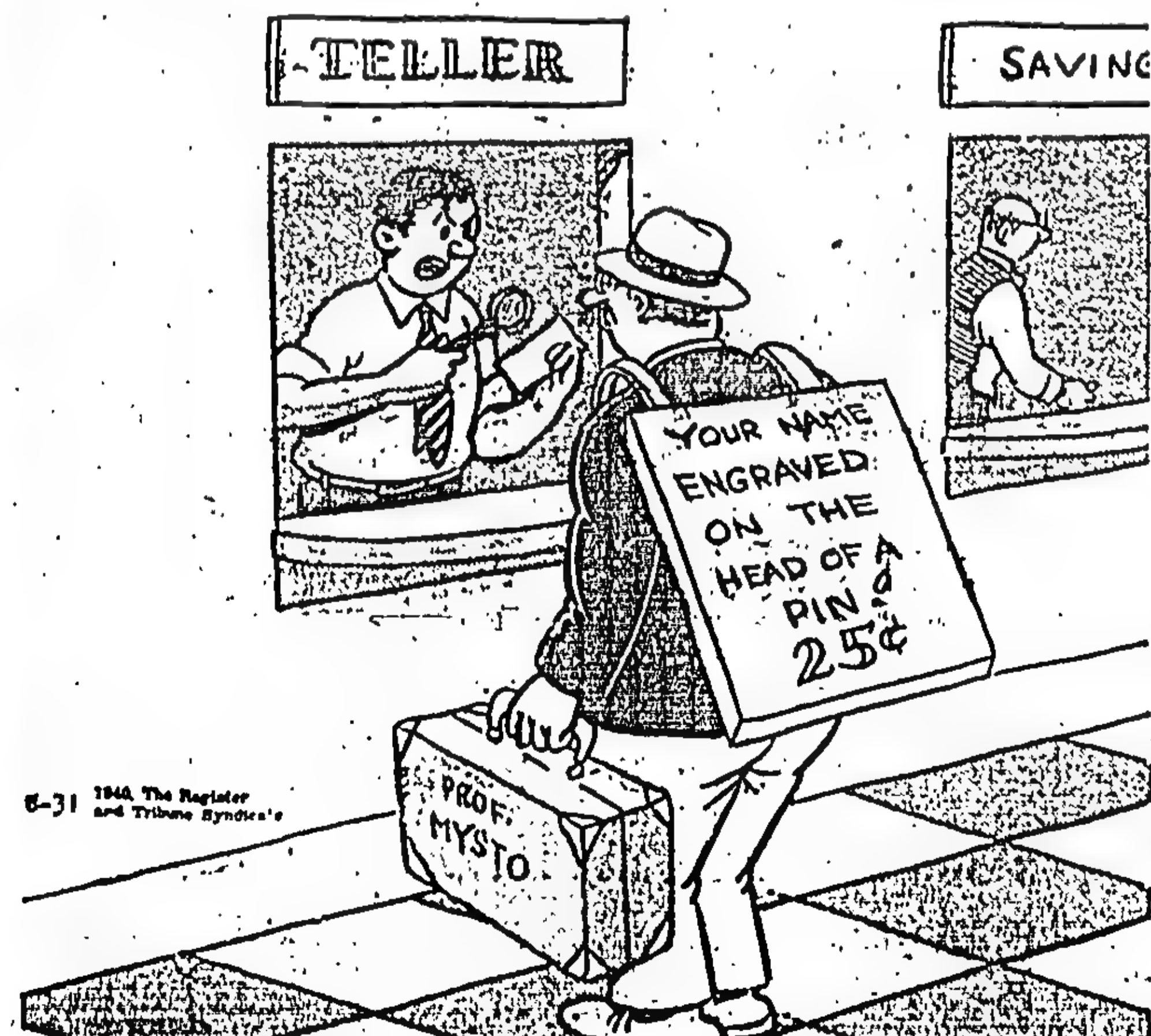
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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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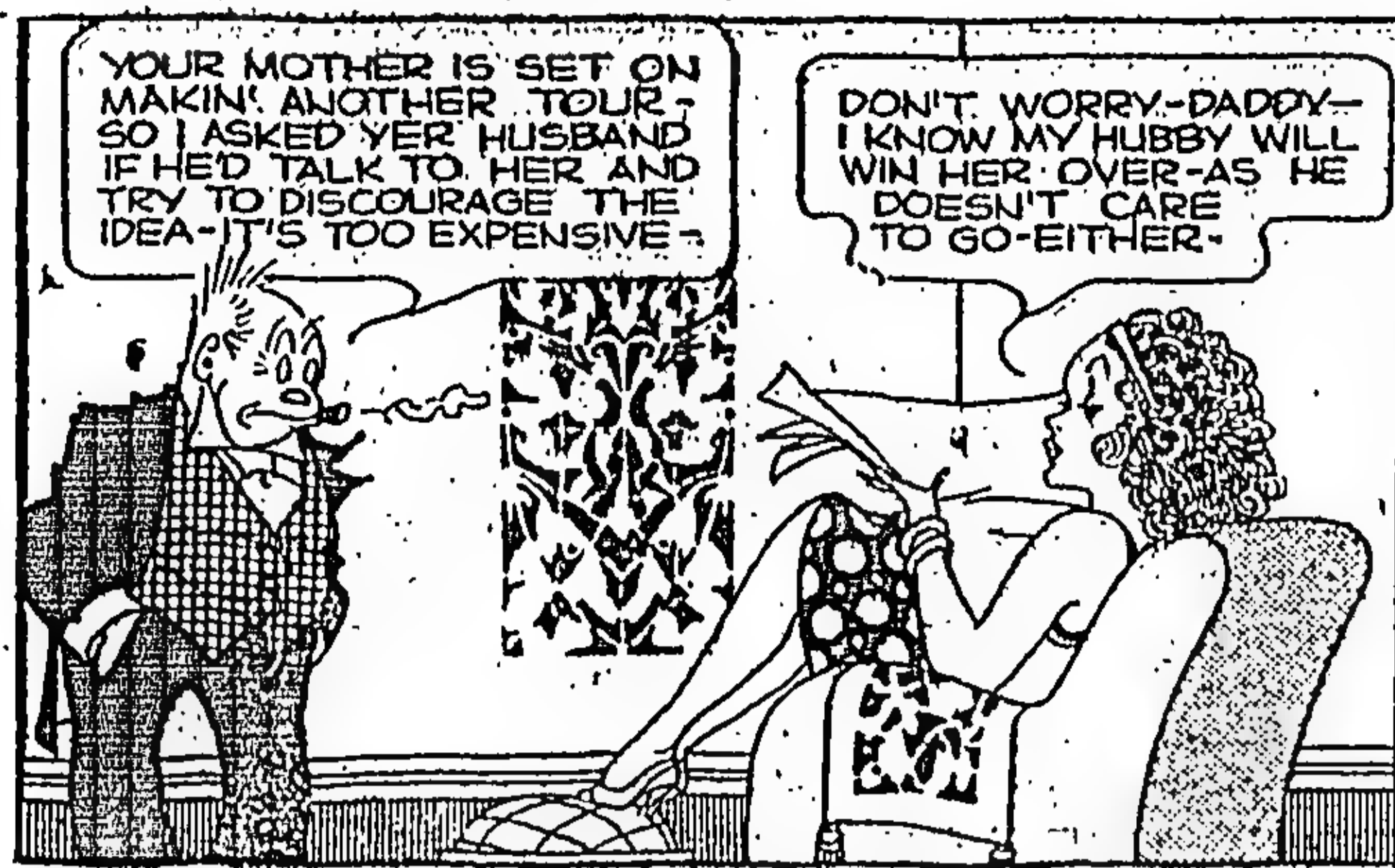
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN To Make A Child's Bedroom Slippers

The instructions will produce a pair to fit a child of about five years old. At the end, will tell you how to adapt them for a tiny baby, or for an older child.

You will need about 2 ounces of double knitting wool, and a pair of No. 7 needles. Start at the toe, casting on 16 stitches. Work into the backs of all stitches on cast-on rows to get firm edges. Do 14 rows of garter stitch (every row K), then turn, and pick up 7 stitches down the left side of the work. Cast on 18, turn and work back to the other side of the toe, then pick up 7 stitches, purl-wise, down the right side of the toe piece. Cast on 18, turn, and work back across the 66 stitches. Do 8 rows, 9th row K 24, K 2 together, K 14, K 2 together, K 24 (64 stitches). Now shape the heel, by decreasing 1 stitch at both ends of the following 5 rows, then cast off the remainder.

To make up, join the heel edges, and the seam down the middle of



the sole, very neatly. You can embroider a flower posy in gay coloured wools on the toe, if you like. Make the second slipper to match.

By using 3-ply wool and a pair of No. 12 needles, and following the same instructions, you can make a pair of shoes for a small baby. Ankle straps should be

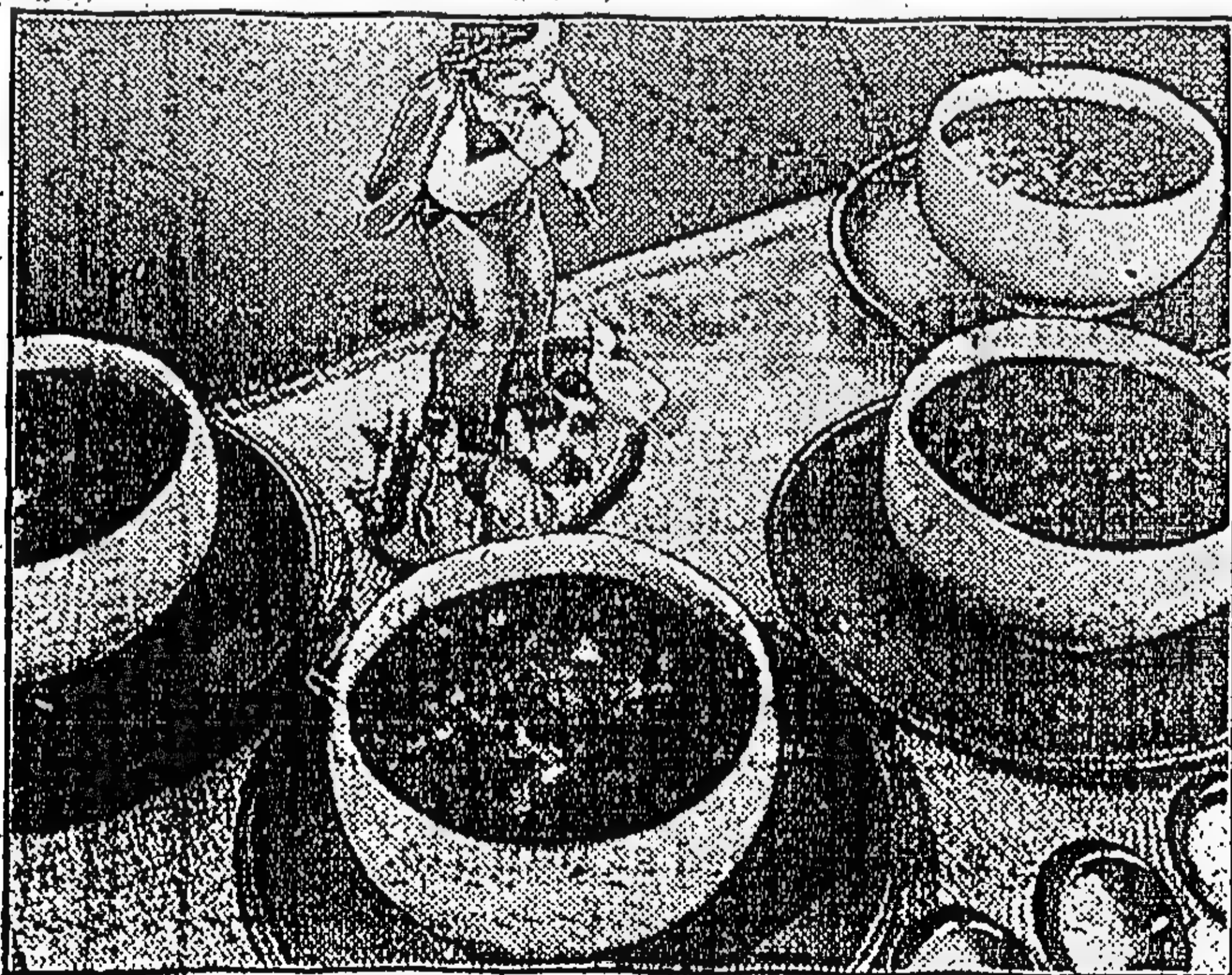
added to keep the shoes on baby's little kicking toes. To do this, after you have joined the heel edges, pick up 4 stitches on each side of the seam, then cast on 16 stitches. Work back, and cast on another 16 stitches. Work 2 rows on these 40 stitches. Next row make a buttonhole, thus: K 3, wool forward, K 2 together, K to end. Work 2 more rows, and cast off. When making the second ankle strap, reverse the position of the buttonhole by knitting to the 5th stitch before the end of the 3rd row, then doing the wool forward, K 2 together, K 3, as explained before. Sew a tiny button on the opposite edge of each strap.

For a bigger pair of slippers, start by casting on 18 or 20 stitches, using double knitting wool and No. 7 needles. Work 16 rows of garter stitch, pick up 8 stitches down each side of the toe, and cast on 20 or 22 stitches for each side of the slipper. Then proceed as explained. When you have finished the 8 rows (or 10 if wanted deeper) for the sides, K 18, if you've cast on 20 stitches or 21 if you've cast on 22 stitches, K 2 together, and K 16 or 18, according to whether the toe has 18 or 20 stitches in the original cast on row. This sounds a bit complicated, but it isn't really. When once you have tried out the instructions, you will see how easy it is to adapt them.

Stick-to-the-ribs SOUPS are comforting on chilly days

Dorothy Greig

WHEN there's a bite in the air and the family flooks in with that pinched blue look, that's the time to offer the warming comfort of hot soup. It chases chills.



Peasant Vegetable Soup for a cold day.

Serve it thick, generous with meat and vegetables; its aroma a rich promise of the hearty goodness beneath. The two soups suggested here are just such soups. They will fortify young and old alike against the sharpness of fall days.

Peasant Vegetable Soup
1 can condensed pea soup
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1 can water, using soup can for measure
½ cup milk
Combine the vegetable soup with the pea soup. Then add one can of

water and ½ cup of milk. Heat, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

Scotch Broth—Indienne Style
4 teaspoons butter
4 teaspoons flour
1 can condensed Scotch broth
1 can water
½ 1 teaspoon curry powder
½ 2 tablespoons water added
Melt the butter in a saucepan. Then add the flour and cook until frothy. Add the Scotch broth, bring to a boil and simmer several minutes until thickened. Stir in the curry powder and serve. Serves 3-4.



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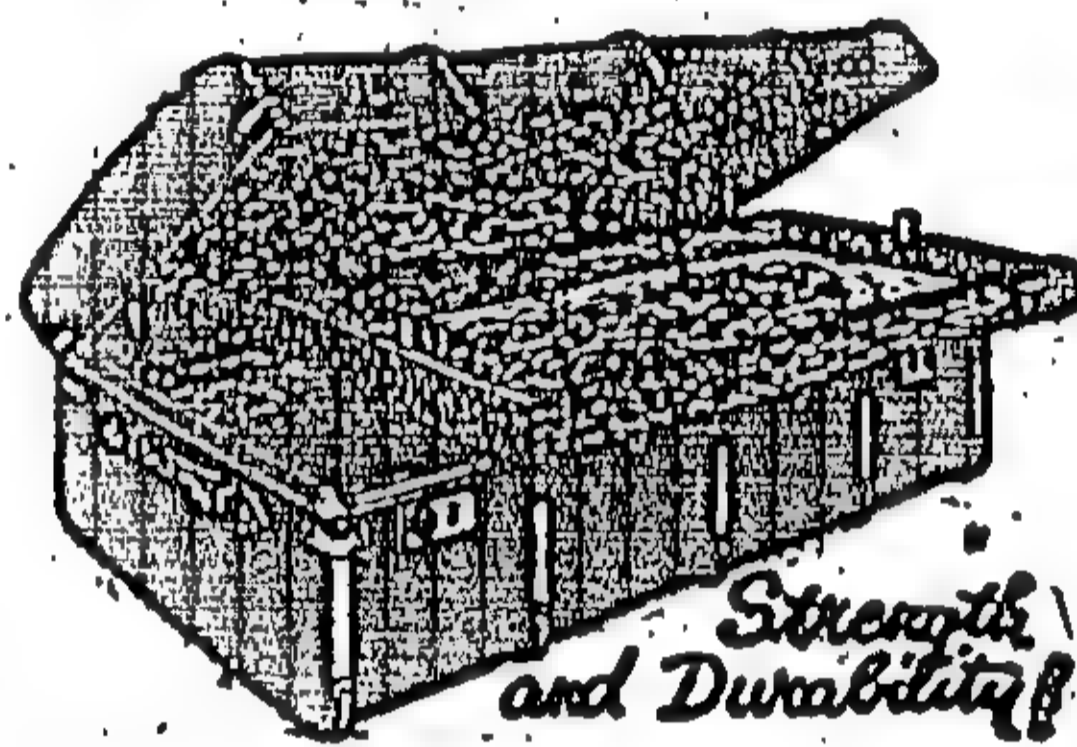
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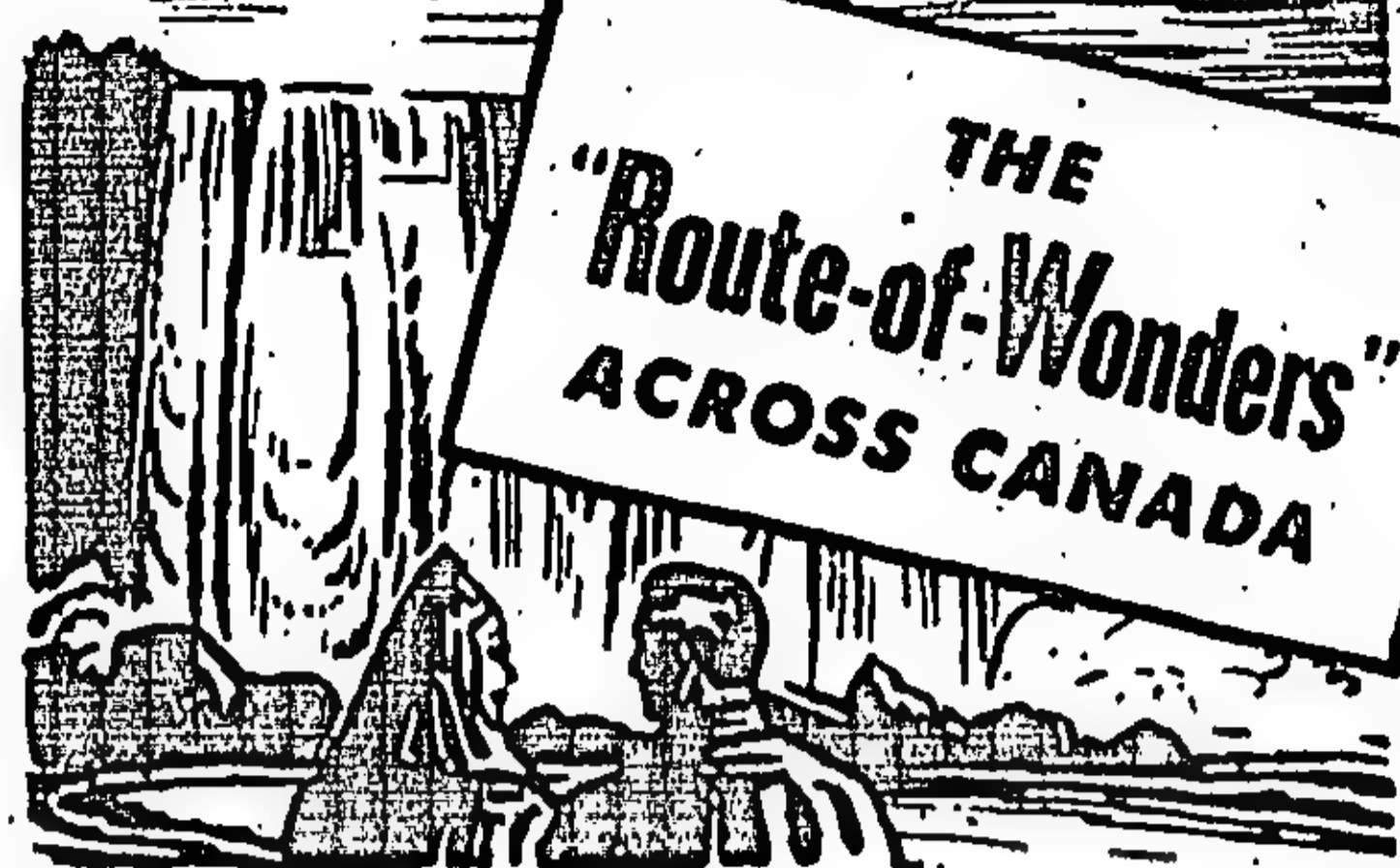
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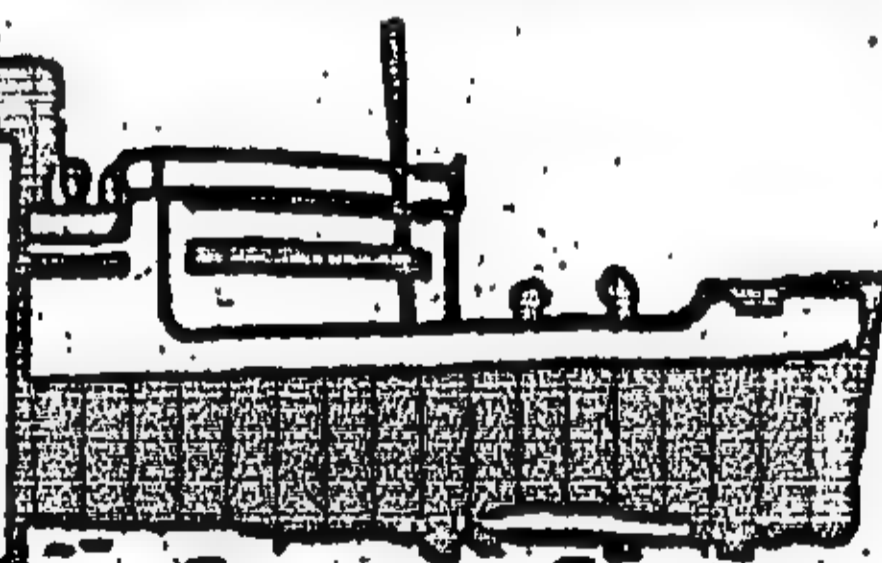
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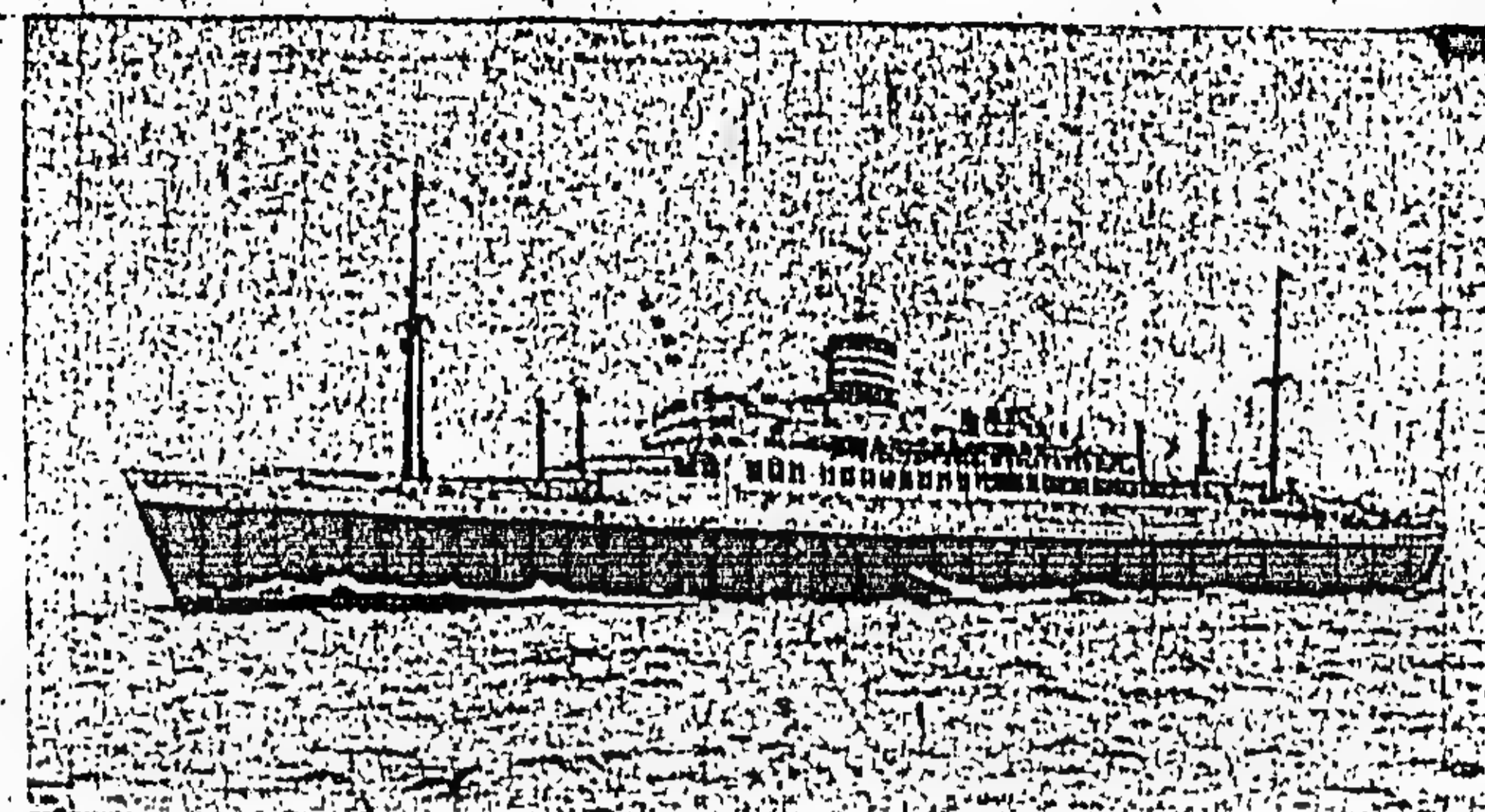
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Dohnanyi—Quartet in D Flat Major, Op. 16.
Fionzaley Quartet.
12.55 p.m.—Piano Solo by Vladimir Horowitz.
Capriccio in F Minor (Dohnanyi).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.
1.21 p.m.—Gerry Moore at the Piano.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—The B.B.C. Dance Orch.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Chausson—Symphony in B Flat Major, Op. 20.
Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire.
6.33 p.m.—Songs by Hubert Eisdel (Tenor).
6.43 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.45 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Dennis Noble (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
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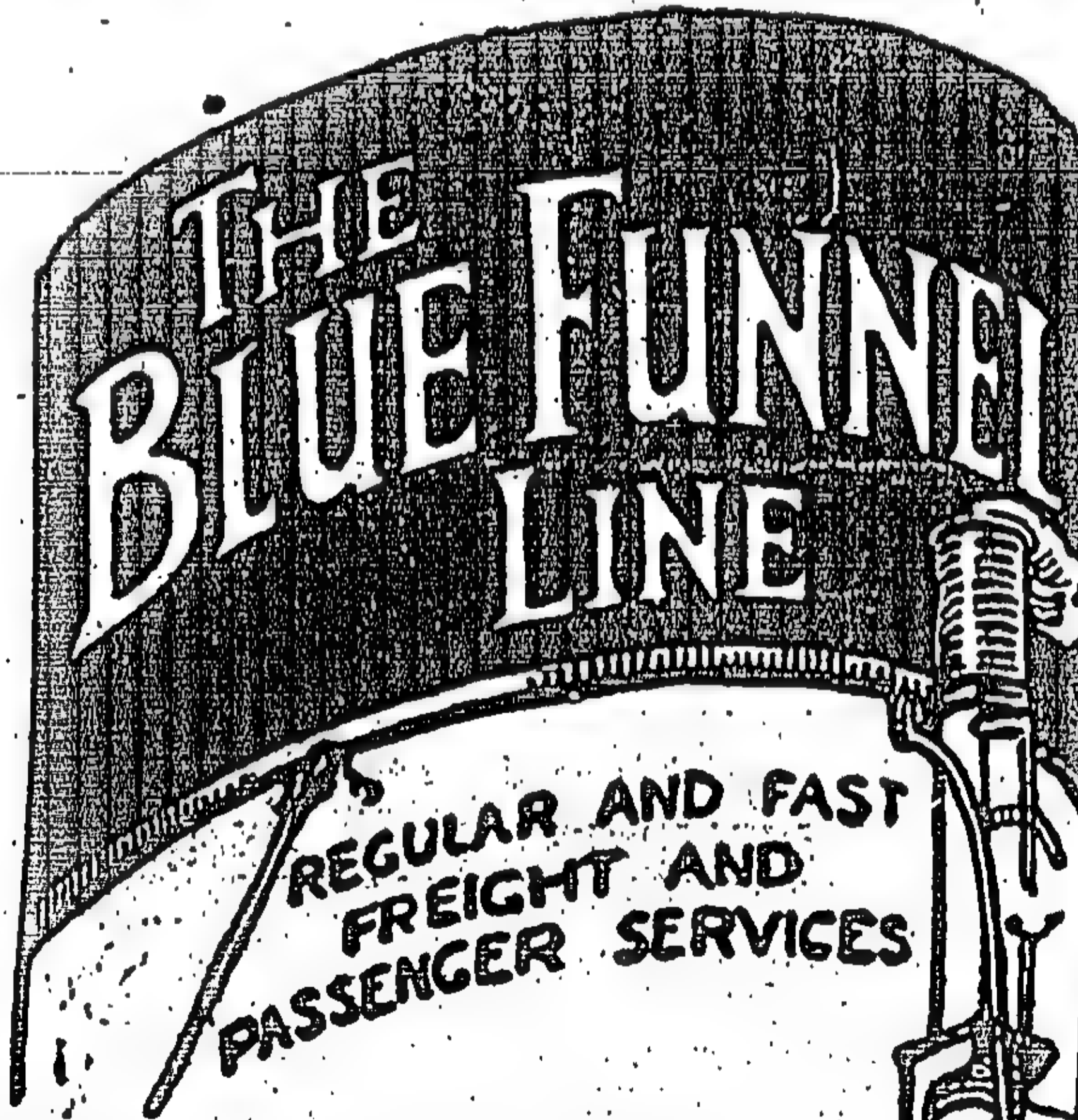
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(By "Referee")

Before a crowd even greater than the record one which attended the match between Islington Corinthians and South China A. A. several years ago, South China were forced to share the points with Sing Tao, both sides scoring twice, in their First Division football encounter at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Both teams made last-minute changes. Chan Tak-fai and Chau Man-chi, who are on the injured list, were absentees from the South China team, while Lai Shui-wing did not play for Sing Tao.

Leung Wing-chui played his first game for Sing Tao, in the pivotal position, with Song Ling-sing on his left. Chui Ah-fai played in Lai Shui-wing's place in the attack.

Sing Tao were very fortunate to secure this valuable point for South China were the better team throughout and twice held the lead.

The surprise packet of South China's team was Lam Tak-po, in the pivotal berth. He played his best game, and, though he lacked polish, had the Sing Tao inside forwards well covered, while his passes to his forwards were always good.

Two For Lee Tak-kee

Lee Tak-kee, former Eastern centre-forward, was the livewire of South China's attack. He fed Tsoi Kwai-shing well, always sending the ball well ahead for the right-winger to take the ball in his stride. Lee Tak-kee scored both goals for South China, and his second one was a particularly brilliant effort.

Lee Wai-tong, who was bundled off the ball unceremoniously whenever he secured possession, sustained an injury early in the game when he collided with Hau Yung-sang, but was able to carry on. He had bad luck in not scoring on three occasions. In the first half he was going through nicely when he was brought down, and Cheung Wing-choy fumbled one of his shots, but was able to retrieve the ball before it crossed the line. In the second period, with Cheung out of position, Lee lobbed the ball over the heads of the only defenders only to see the ball hit the cross-bar.

Lee Shek-yau, on the left-wing, displayed speed, but was not up to his usual form. He missed a great opportunity of giving South China the lead early in the first half when well placed. Tsoi Kwai-shing, on the right-wing, sent over many good centres but he was slow in doing so and this enabled the Sing Tao defence to position themselves.

Lee Kwok-wai Excels

Both of South China's backs played well. Lee Kwok-wai covered up Pak-wah and Chui Ah-fai well, with the result that this pair did nothing of note. Tse Kam-hung, South China left-half, had the better of Tang Kwong-sum and Chung Chung-wan, was so

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION	
South China 2	Sing Tao 2
Lee Tak-kee (2)	Kwok Ying-kee (2)
Kwong Wah 1	Police 3
Cheuk Shek-kam.	Howlett, Ferrier, Moss.
SECOND DIVISION	
Engineers 1	Royal Scots 1
Chan Kun-lum.	Auld.
Service Corps 11	Police 1
Sadler (4), Martin (3), Morgan, Young, Clarke, Glen.	Wall.
THIRD DIVISION	
7th R.A. 2	20th R.A. 1
Bigginton (2).	Lo Tut-yeung.
Signals 1	36th R.A. 0
Husband.	

able to concentrate on Fung King-cheong, who was practically a passenger as a result.

Tam Kwan-kon did not have much to do in goal but might have saved both Sing Tao's goals. He appeared to lack confidence whenever under pressure.

Kwong Ying-kee was the only Sing Tao forward to show any dash, and it was only just that he should score both his side's goals. He was the most dangerous of the forwards and lent valuable assistance to the defence. Ip Pak-wah, on the left-wing, has played better games this season, and though he did at times send over good centres he was too well watched by Lau Hing-choy.

Chui Ah-fai was not a success in the attack, and the nearest he went to scoring was with a header in the second half. He showed poor control and was often robbed by Lee Kwok-wai.

Leung Wing-chui, in the pivotal position, had all his work cut out watching Lee Wai-tong and was obviously sadly in need of practice. His passes to his forwards were seldom placed accurately. He was given little assistance by Lau Ting-sang on his left.

Hau Better Back

Hau Yung-sang was the better of the two Sing Tao backs and bore the brunt of the work in defence. Lee Ting-sang did not have much time to indulge in his usual fancywork and did not catch the eyes very often.

Cheung Wing-choy, in goal, brought off several good saves from close in.

South China opened the scoring in the first half through Lee Tak-kee, but before the interval Sing Tao were on level terms through Kwong Hing-kee.

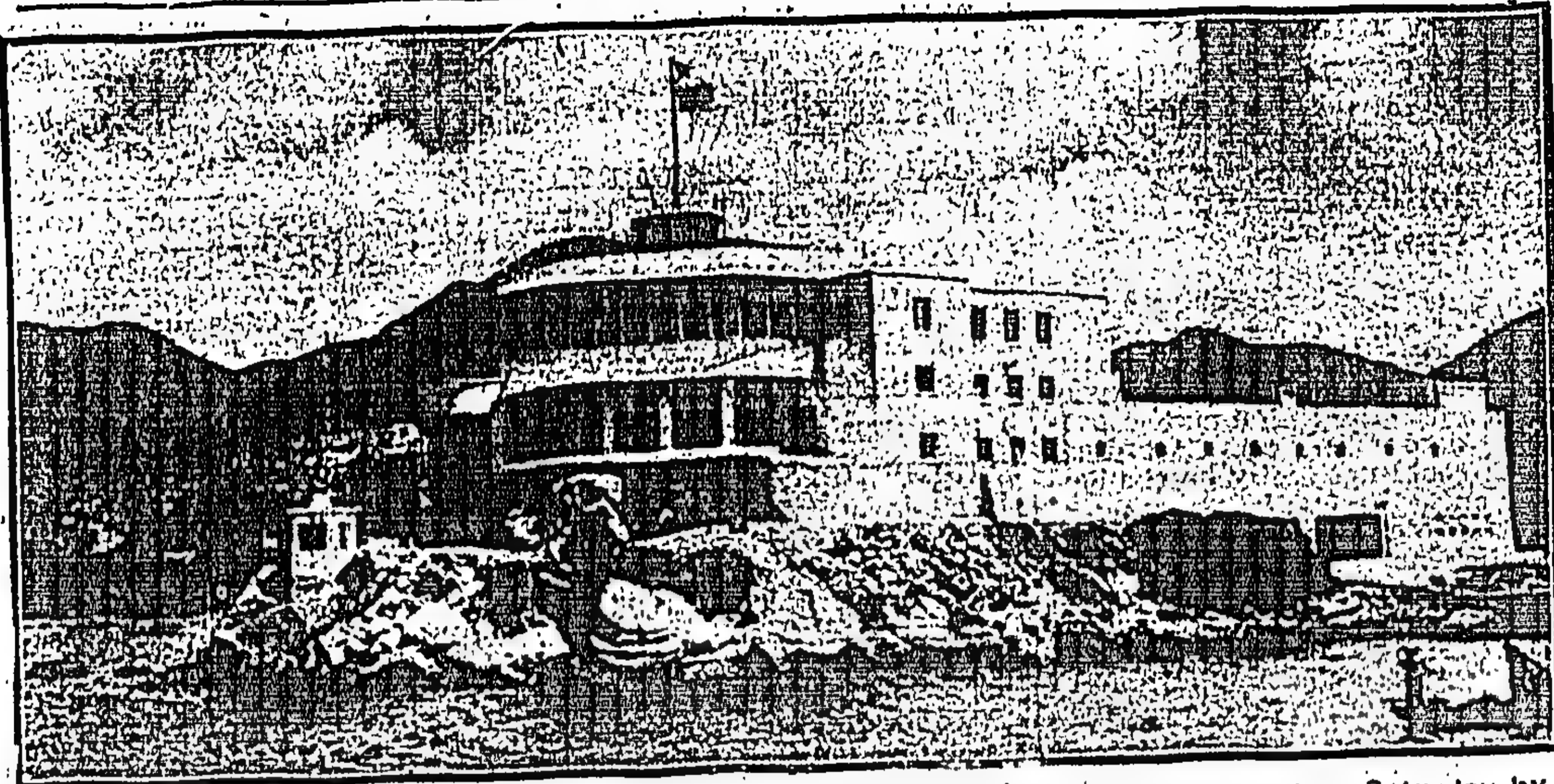
South China took the lead right from the kick-off after the interval. Without a Sing Tao player touching the ball, the South China forward line swept down the field and Lee Tak-kee beat Cheung Wing-choy with a well-placed cross shot.

Play deteriorated from then on and Kwok Ying-kee equalised for Sing Tao shortly before time.

Sing Tao thus dropped their first point of the season and South China lost their third point.

SOUTH CHINA—Tam Kwan-kon; Lee Kwok-wai and Tang Chung-wan; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po and Tse Kam-hung; Tsoi Kwai-shing, Lee Tak-kee, Lee Wai-tong, Lau Chung-wan and Lee Shek-yau.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choy; Lee Ting-sang and Hau Yung-sang; Lau Ting-sang, Leung Wing-chui and Soong Ling-sing; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Chui Ah-fai and Ip Pak-wah.



Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's new headquarters on Kellie Island, opened on Saturday by H.E. Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton.

GUTIERREZ SHIELD SERIES

England To Meet India In Final

ENGLAND AND INDIA will contest the Final of the Gutierrez Shield international lawn bowls competition next Sunday at Kowloon Football Club.

PEARCE 1940 GOLF CHAMPION

T. A. Pearce, Interport cricketer, won the Colony Golf Championship at Fanling yesterday with a score of 156, being followed closely by O. E. C. Marton, four times winner.

J. T. Smith, the holder, was not in the Colony to defend his title.

R. K. Collings won the Visitors' Prize with 180, and best round prizes went to Col. Rose (78 Old Course) and F. D. Hunter (75 New Course).

	Old	New	Total
T. A. Pearce	76	80	156
O. E. C. Marton	80	77	157
F. D. Hunter	83	75	158
R. K. Collings	82	78	160
J. L. C. Pearce	79	81	160
A. J. Dennis	84	81	165
D. S. Edwards	80	85	165
Col. Rose	78	91	169
F. Groves	86	85	171
R. G. McKenzie	89	82	171
W. Ahern	87	85	172
F. A. Redmond	93	81	174
T. B. Low	85	90	175
A. W. Ramsay	90	92	182

In the semi-final games yesterday England beat Philippines by 9 shots and India were 11 shots to the good against Ireland, conquerors of the holders, Switzerland, in the quarter-final on Saturday.

Philippines led 10-6 at the 10th end, but England then scored 2 2 1 2 1 3 2 to lead 20-10 at the 18th. The losers then scored singles at the next two ends and conceded a single at the last end.

Ireland led 4-3 at the 6th but then conceded 4 1. Leading 10-8 at the 12th, India scored 1 1 1 4 0 5 1 2 0 to win comfortably despite conceding four at the 17th, at which head the score read 17-12 in their favour.

Scores were as follows:

PHILIPPINES		ENGLAND	
H. A. Castro	G. Perkins		
A. E. H. Castro	W. J. Bagley		
V. N. Atienza	G. H. Sherriff		
R. Basa	A. J. Hall		
(Skip)	(Skip)	12	21
IRELAND		INDIA	
C. Downman	A. H. Rumjahn		
A. Wright	A. M. Rumjahn		
H. Lockhart	K. M. Omar		
W. V. Field	U. M. Omar		
(Skip)	(Skip)	14	25

The only time India, who are hot favourites for this year's title, won this competition was in 1935. England won in 1934, 1936 and 1937.

SOCCER FIXTURES NEXT WEEK-END

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION	
South China v Eastern	(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
Kowloon v Middlesex	(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Club v Police	(Club, 4.15 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
Service Corps v Ordnance	(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)
Kowloon v Middlesex	(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)
Club v Police	(Club, 2.45 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
International v Medicals	(St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Shell v 20th R.A.	(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)
7th R.A. v Service Corps	(Military, 2.45 p.m.)
Engineers v 12th R.A.	(Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Signals v 24th R.A.	(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION	
Navy v Kwong Wah	(Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)
Sing Tao v R. Scots	(Club, 4.15 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
30th R.A. v South China	(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)
Sing Tao v R. Scots	(Club, 2.45 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
Navy v Engineers	(Navy, 2.45 p.m.)
Kit Choo v Kwong Wah	(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
Air Force v 30th R.A.	(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)
35th R.A. v A.S.A.	(Bucknaboo, 2.45 p.m.)

G. DUNCAN —AGAIN WINS—

George Duncan, holder, beat C. F. Needham by 21 shots to 6 at the 19th head yesterday in the Final of the Lawn Bowls Singles Championship of Hong Kong Football Club.

BATTERY TEAMS WIN

TWO "CHINA MAIL" CHALLENGE CUP MATCHES WERE PLAYED YESTERDAY, 1ST BATTERY "B" AND 1ST BATTERY "A" WINNING.

No. 5 Coy. "B", led 5-0 at the 3rd, were leading 10-7 at the 10th and 14-9 at the 14th, but the Battery four then scored 1 2 3 1 to lead 18-14, only to concede two singles and so start the last head all square. A single then gave them victory.

No. 3 Coy. "B" conceding three at the first head, led 8-7 at the 9th, 12-8 at the 13th and 16-10 at the 17th, only to concede 3 3 2 1 and so lose by three shots.

1st Battery "B" No. 5 Coy. "B"	
T. Lockhart	M. F. Alarcon
G. Stone	P. M. N. da Silva
E. R. Clemow	A. M. Xavier
L. Jack	H. A. Botelho
(Skip)	(Skip)
1st Battery "A" No. 3 Coy. "B"	
P. Morrison	R. Broadbridge
J. R. Carr	D. Hung
B. I. Bickford	N. A. E. Mackay
J. Watson	T. A. Madar
(Skip)	(Skip)

RECORDS SMASHED

Yesterday's game was the biggest on record for a League game, both from the attendance and receipts points of view.

The game was finished at about 5.50 p.m., but up to 7 p.m. people were still waiting for buses and trams. Over 70 tram cars were filled to overflowing to take the crowd away, in addition to a large fleet of buses.

Some people paid as much as \$5 for a dollar ticket to see the game and had to stand, and the touch-lines were lined with spectators ten deep!

It is understood that over \$4,000 was collected at this game.

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

N. B. Fraser has taken over the duties of Football Secretary of Police from J. S. Riddell.

In future all charity games will be of 90 minutes duration. This will enable players to become accustomed to a longer period of play in preparation for the coming interport.

Entries for the Junior and Senior Shield competitions close on Thursday next.

Sgt. Johns, a second class referee, has become affiliated to Hong Kong Football Association.

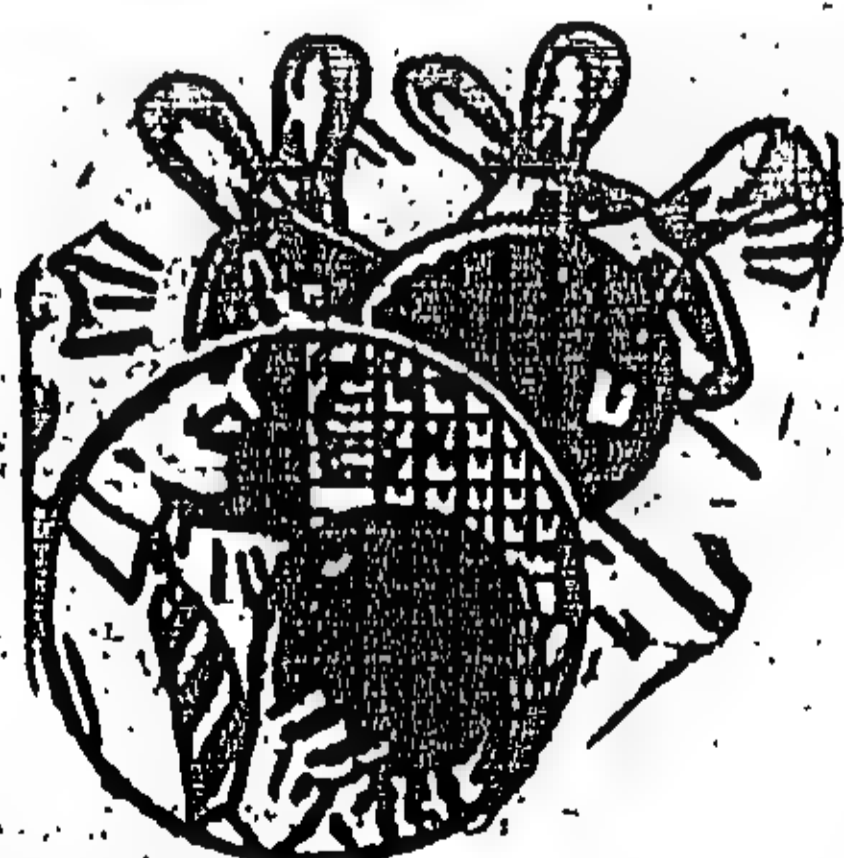
A. W. Smith, of Royal Army Dental Corps, will be playing in goal for the Referees in the annual game against Pros.

Lieut.-Col. the Rev. S. Hinchliffe, S.C.F. (C.E.) has been selected to officiate at the Annual Poppy Day Charity game on November 11 between Combined Services and Rest of the Colony.

Captain, A. W. F. Peal has resumed his duties as Hon. Secretary of Area Sports Board.

The departure of Comdr. W. P. McCarthy leaves vacant the vice-presidency of Hong Kong Football Association and also the Appeals Board of the Association.

W. Hooper, Royal Navy, is Hon. Secretary, Royal Navy and Royal Marines Football Referees' Association in Hong Kong.



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DESPITE A FINE SPELL OF BOWLING BY E. MAZUZA (5 FOR 21), WHO AT ONE TIME HAD TAKEN 5 FOR 9 IN THE COURSE OF 25 DELIVERIES, QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL STAFF BEAT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY BY ONE WICKET IN THEIR MATCH ON THE UNIVERSITY GROUND, POKFULAM, YESTERDAY.

Fenton scored his 21 out of 39 and hit four boundaries, but the last six University wickets added only 38 runs.

Tsui and McGowan added 28 for the visitors' second wicket, but after McGowan left at 49 the remaining seven wickets added only 32 runs in 37 minutes.

Tsui, who scored 23 out of 35, was particularly harsh on Gegg, getting him away to the boundary four times and scoring two in one over.

UNIVERSITY				
C. N. Matthews, b Haynes	6			
J. Fenton, b Haynes	21			
K. S. Oh, l.b.w., b McGowan	0			
G. Hong Choy, b Haynes	0			
W. Gegg, c Skinner, b Ozorio	12			
V. Lingam, run out	11			
N. C. Sen Gupta, b Ozorio	2			
Syed Mahmood, not out	9			
L. H. Tan, c and b Skinner	4			
E. Mazuza, b Skinner	0			
S. S. Khar, c Tsui, b Hopkinson	5			
Extras (LB, WB)	7			

Total				
Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
McGowan	5	0	18	1
Haynes	8	4	23	3
Ozorio	4	0	17	2
Skinner	2	0	5	2
Hopkinson	1.5	1	7	1

Q.M. HOSPITAL STAFF				
E. V. Hopkinson, b Mahmood	3			
J. Tsui, b Hong Choy	23			
J. McGowan, c Lingam, b Hong Choy	16			
D. M. Kahn, c Fenton, b Mazuza	5			
J. Skinner, b Mazuza	6			

CLOSING DAY AT C.C.C.

Craigengower Cricket Club held their Closing Day yesterday when prizes won during the year were presented by Mrs. C. S. Rosselet, wife of the vice-president of the Club.

Prize winners were:

Lawn Bowls:—Singles championship.—K. M. Omar to meet U. M. Omar in the Final. Junior Championship.—Winner, W. Hong Sling; Runner-up, J. W. Leonard. Novice championship.—Winner, L. M. Roza, Runner-up, M. F. Baptista. Pairs championship.—A. Hung and U. M. Omar to meet L. Gaddi and J. Pau in the Final. Rinks championship.—Winner, S. R. Solina, A. K. Ismail, W. Hong Sling, C. S. Rosselet, Runner-up, W. Broadbridge, H. L. Forman, J. W. Leonard, A. E. Coates.

Cricket:—First Division batting.

G. Souza, bowling.—A. K. Ismail. Second Division batting.—A. B. Hamson, bowling.—A. M. Omar.



Perhaps one of the most popular sports during off-duty time with A.F.S. girls in the Aldershot Command is cricket. Here is one of their number about to open an innings. (Copyright, Fox).

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

The defeat of Switzerland, holders, by Ireland provided the only upset in the quarter-finals of the Gutierrez Shield bowls competition, though Scotland went near to eliminating India. In the other games England beat Wales and Philippines proved too good for Australia. Two matches were played in the "China Mail" Challenge Cup competition, Field Engineers' "B" unexpectedly beating Pay Section and 3rd Battery winning over No. 2 Company "E".

Club's defeat at the hands of K.C.C. provided the titbit of the cricket programme of six matches. Following were the best feats:

BATTING				
E. L. Gosano	68			
G. Ainslie	63			
Capt. J. E. Lawrence	37			
J. Shepherd	37			
A. E. Carey	35			
D. J. N. Anderson	34			
A. Zimmer	33			
G. E. Goodban	32			

* not out.

BOWLING

A. J. Hulse	6 for 35
F. R. Zimmern	6 for 44
U. Ismail	5 for 36
F. Baker	4 for 12

Y.M.C.A. hockey teams were beaten, the 1st XI by 4-1 by Recreio and the 2nd XI by R.A.S.C. by 1-0.

Club proved too good for Navy in their Rugby match and won by 17-3. Players to impress were Jimmie Thomson, King, Kennedy and Gairdner. Club "A", reinforced by four Royal Scots, easily beat Navy "A" by 16-0. Davies, Carruthers and Hopkins impressed most. At Boundary Street Army, who were well served by Ford as hooker, were much superior to Police and won 22-0.

Navy and Royal Scots shared 10 goals in their First Division soccer match, the soldiers scoring twice in the last 10 minutes. Service Corps did well to beat 12th

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following were yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS	
Cardinals	7 Wahoos 2
Chung Hwa	9 Rambettes 24
Canadian Chinese	32 Little Flowers 10

MEN'S	
Canadian Chinese	5 Cyclones 9
Philippines	4 Indians 10
Chinese	

First Division	
Baseball Club	1 St. Joseph's 14
Second Division	
Cosmopolitan	0 Recreio 18
Royal Artillery	4 Royal Scots 18

R.A. and Shell surprised Engineers when they snatched a point. R.A.F. continued in winning vein and are one of two teams with a 100 per cent. record. Engineers in Second Division are the other team. Two players, Jorge of Kowloon and Yau Wah-ling of Kit Chee, were sent off during the programme of 12 matches, during which a total of 62 goals were scored.

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's new headquarters on Kellett Island were opened by H.E. Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton.



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EXPECTATIONS OF MEDITERRANEAN ACTION

Swiss Predict An Axis Assault On Gibraltar

The New Menzies Cabinet

Australia's reconstructed Federal Cabinet was announced in Melbourne yesterday.

It includes Mr. R. G. Menzies as Prime Minister and Minister for Co-ordination of Defence and Information, the veteran ex-Premier Mr. W. M. Hughes as Attorney-General and Minister of Navy, Col. Spender (Army), Mr. K. McEwen (Air), Sir Earl Page (Commerce), Mr. A. W. Fadden (Treasurer), Sir Frederick Stewart (External Affairs, Social Services and Health), Senator P. A. McBride (Supply and Development and Munitions), and Mr. H. E. Holt (Labour and National Service). — Reuter.

FULL CREDIT TO ROYAL NAVY

"England's defence in the last three months by the magnificent R.A.F. was fundamentally only possible because the British Fleet was there to halt the Germans at the water's edge," declared Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, in a speech at Chicago yesterday.

The new United States Navy which would come into being in the next five years, he added, would be thoroughly competent to meet any possible combination of enemies that could be brought against the United States. — Reuter.

Wide Field Of Speculation

POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN ZURICH EXPECT FRESH GERMAN MILITARY ACTION TO FOLLOW VERY CLOSELY ON THE PETAIN-HITLER AGREEMENT.

Indications to this effect are supported by Italian press forecasts of imminent action in the eastern Mediterranean.

In Swiss comment, Gibraltar is openly mentioned as the next probable objective for Axis attack.

Meanwhile diplomatic observers in Zurich consider the silence of the Vichy Government regarding the proposals to Petain as significant.

It is felt the Vichy Government is reluctant to reveal the terms to the French public before they can be faced with a fait accompli.

Reports that two Cabinet meetings were held in Vichy before Petain accepted the German terms are considered to indicate that Petain had to overcome strong resistance within the Government itself.

Strategic Concessions

It is not believed in Zurich that Petain has agreed to active participation by French forces in the war against Britain but it is considered probable that Hitler has gained concessions of strategic importance for the prosecution of the war in the Mediterranean.

Many reports are reaching Zurich indicating the growing anxiety of the French public for a British victory but beside these must be placed the fact

that France is in effect an authoritarian State, with Laval as the controlling power.

As regards Spain, diplomatic circles in Zurich are convinced that Franco is unwilling to involve Spain in the war but will probably be unable to resist if faced with a choice between voluntarily or involuntarily allowing the German army to pass through Spain. — Reuter.

Vichy's Reticence

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Only official announcement in Vichy on the Petain-Hitler talks was an official communique which stated the two statesmen "made a general survey of the situation, with particular reference to the restoration of peace in Europe."

The two statesmen reached agreement in principle on collaboration of which the means of enforcement will be examined later.

Meanwhile the newspaper "Le Temps" says that the fact that Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier, did not return to Vichy with Marshal Petain but went to Paris, lends ground to the belief that the Franco-German negotiations have not yet been completed.

The paper added: "In any case it must be admitted that we have arrived at a turning point in Franco-German relations such as they were established by the Armistice Convention."

The French press as a whole refrains from forecasts regarding future developments. "Le Journal" wonders whether "decisions of major importance for the future of France and Europe were really taken." — Havas.

No Mention Of Military Aid

COMMENTING ON THE HITLER/PETAIN AGREEMENT, A LONDON POLITICAL OBSERVER SAID YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS AN "AGREEMENT TO AGREE, BUT STILL FAR FROM AN AGREEMENT TO ACT IN AGREEMENT!"

It is noteworthy that the Vichy communique makes no mention of military aid.

Some observers believe that, having failed in his "peace-blitzkrieg," Hitler may attempt an alternative move designed to close the Western Mediterranean to the British Fleet with the help of France and Spain.

Hitler may have secured Vichy's consent to collaborate, but there is as yet no indication that Spain is ready to sacrifice herself to save Germany from defeat.

The steady growth of the Free French movement in Africa will also prove a serious obstacle to any Vichy attempts to get the support of the French Empire for Germany. — Reuter.

"Generous Offers"

Despite the official silence in Vichy regarding the Franco-German agreement, the Vichy correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" wrote yesterday he understood Hitler made "exceptionally generous offers to Petain's Government."

Emphasis was laid on the return of the Government to Paris and the release of French prisoners of war. — Reuter.

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GREECE CLOSES FRONTIER

Axis Action Against Athens Believed Imminent

Heavy Italian Troop Movements

ITALY AND GREECE HAVE REACHED THE BRINK OF VERY GRAVE EVENTS AS THE ITALIANS OFFICIALLY REPORT THAT ATHENS HAS CLOSED THE ENTIRE ALBANIAN FRONTIER AND HAS MOVED ARMED FORCES TO SIX STRATEGIC BORDER POINTS.

DE GAULLE AIR RAID ALLEGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An air raid was made by planes of General de Gaulle's Free French Forces on Lamberene, in Gabon, French Equatorial Africa, it was alleged in Vichy yesterday. — Havas.

streaming into southern Albania while heavy Greek concentrations are reported just south of the Albanian border.

It is reported that Mussolini and Count Ciano have left Rome for Florence, possibly to confer with French leaders and possibly en route to meet Hitler.

It is believed that M. Pierre Laval is going to Florence. — International News Service.

It is also claimed in Rome that a foreign plane, presumably British, flew over southern Albania and scattered leaflets inciting the natives to revolt against Italy.

A DESPATCH FROM TIRANA, THE ALBANIAN CAPITAL, FROM THE STEFANI NEWS AGENCY, SAYS: "ALL THIS INDICATES THE CARRYING OUT OF A PROVOCATORY PLAN."

It is understood that Italian reinforcements have been sent to southern Albania to augment the border patrols, and that many more planes have been despatched to Brindisi where they can threaten the shores of Greece and Greek islands.

Italian quarters in Rome stated yesterday that a decisive Axis showdown with Greece will possibly develop this week. Main Greek military activity on the border is reported between Lake Prespa and Konispoli.

It is alleged in Rome that Greek students have engaged in anti-Italian and anti-Albanian demonstrations at Karvia Pass.

Italian Warning

Informed quarters declared: "Any and all Italian preventive measures are now legitimate in view of Saturday's attack on Albanian outposts and the bombing of the lieutenant-governor's residence."

MEANWHILE, IN ATHENS, GENERAL METAXAS, THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER, HELD URGENT CONFERENCES WITH MILITARY LEADERS ALL NIGHT AS MOUNTING TENSION GRIPS ATHENS AMID REPORTS OF HEAVY ITALIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS THREATENING GREECE.

It is understood that fresh Italian reinforcements are augmenting Albanian divisions on the pretext that they are needed to quell border outbreaks, responsibility for which is denied by Greece.

It is understood General Metaxas and Greek military leaders

TURKISH MILITARY MISSION IN GREECE

A TURKISH MILITARY DELEGATION LEFT FOR GREECE YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO MOSCOW RADIO QUOTED BY REUTER.

DRAMATIC AIR CLASH OFF NORWAY

Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command sank a 2,500 tons enemy supply ship near Sogne Fjord, Norway, on Saturday morning.

Three Beauforts were on an offensive reconnaissance patrol off the Norway coast when they sighted the ship and dived to make a torpedo attack.

The ship was struck, blew up and disappeared within thirty seconds.

Immediately afterward the Beauforts were engaged by a strong force of ME 109 fighters. A hard-fought action against heavy odds ensued.

One of the British pilots quickly shot down the first ME which came up against him. Then he went to the assistance of a Beaufort which was fighting two of the enemy and drew fire away from his comrades.

While carrying on this combat a third enemy aircraft attacked from the other side and he lost touch but fortunately was able to gain cloud cover.

From this action two of the British aircraft did not return to their base. When last seen they were hotly engaging the enemy. — British Wireless.

ULTIMATUM RUMOUR

GREECE GIVEN 11 DAYS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Unconfirmed rumours were circulating in London diplomatic circles yesterday that Italy has served an 11-day ultimatum to Greece demanding adjustment of the Albanian border disputes and abandonment of Greek ties with Britain.

The London "Daily Telegraph" reports that all Greek army leave has been cancelled.

From Budapest come reports of renewal of Italo-Greek border fighting yesterday.

Simultaneously Turkey is reported to have rushed crack regiments to her north-west border enforcing the 500,000 troops already there.

It is stated that Italian army and air reinforcements are

SOVIET INVOLVED IN CHINA PEACE MOVE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

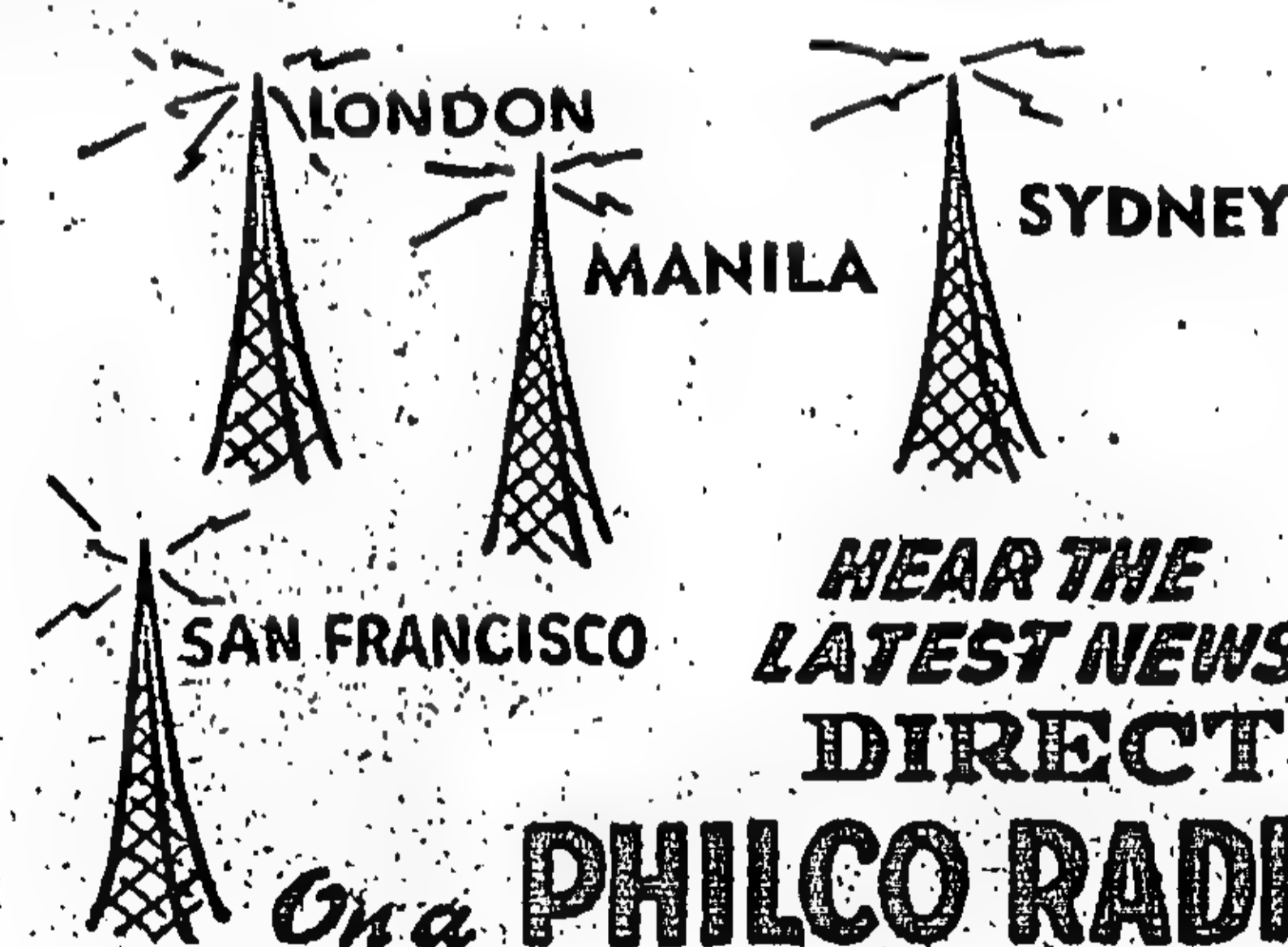
ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED circles, new peace proposals for the termination of the Sino-Japanese conflict have been prepared by the Tokyo Foreign Office on the advice of Germany, following Japan's alliance with the Axis.

These proposals, it is said, are likely to be conveyed to the Chungking Government through German officials since attempts to make direct contact with Chungking have failed.

Germany hopes to play a major part in the negotiations. The Soviet may also be involved in the new peace movement, it is suggested, and Japan is trying to come to an arrangement with the Soviet and make use of

her influence in China for the termination of the hostilities. Details of the peace proposals are not known, but it is doubted whether they contain consent for the withdrawal of all Japanese armed forces from China — the chief condition on which China has insisted as a preliminary to entering upon any peace discussions with Japan.

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M. Baudoin Has Not Resigned But Seems Due To Be Pushed Out

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN SUNK, SAY NAZIS

A German High Command communique claims that the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain," which it described as a troopship, was attacked 60 miles west of Ireland.

Hit by a heavy bomb, says the German communique, the "Empress of Britain" caught fire and the crew had to take to their boats.

Claiming that the air offensive continued with light and heavy bombers, accompanied by fighters, on London, southern England and the Midlands, the communique says that despite fighter and A.A. defences, which were strong in some places, "important military objectives were plastered with bombs."

During the night, it continues, bombers continued without interruption the attacks on London and also bombed industrial plant in Birmingham, Coventry and the port of Liverpool. "Enemy planes attempted to attack towns and industrial plant in north and central Germany."

BERLIN REPORTS that M. Paul Baudoin, Foreign Minister in the Vichy Government, had resigned, appear premature.

M. Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier, when questioned by newspapermen, did not confirm the report, according to a news agency despatch from Geneva yesterday.

The despatch adds that the resignation "might take place during to-day (Sunday)."

A Cabinet meeting was originally called for yesterday afternoon in Vichy, when it was expected a decision would be taken but it was learned later that the Cabinet might not meet before Monday.—Reuter.

Havas says that while M. Baudoin's resignation has not yet been announced it is generally believed in Vichy that M. Laval will take over the portfolio of foreign affairs, retaining the Vice-Premiership.

Vichy Parrottry

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While stressing the significance of the word "collaboration" which appears in the official communique on the Hitler-Pétain meeting, the French press continues to refrain from making forecasts of future developments.

"Le Moniteur," organ of Government quarters, merely pointed

A hit was scored on one factory, killing workmen and damaging the building.

"An enemy plane dropped bombs on Berlin and, as in another large city, only dwelling houses were damaged. A number of civilians were killed and injured.

"The enemy lost nine planes and four German machines are missing."—Reuter.

out yesterday that the meeting had a sensational effect all over the world.

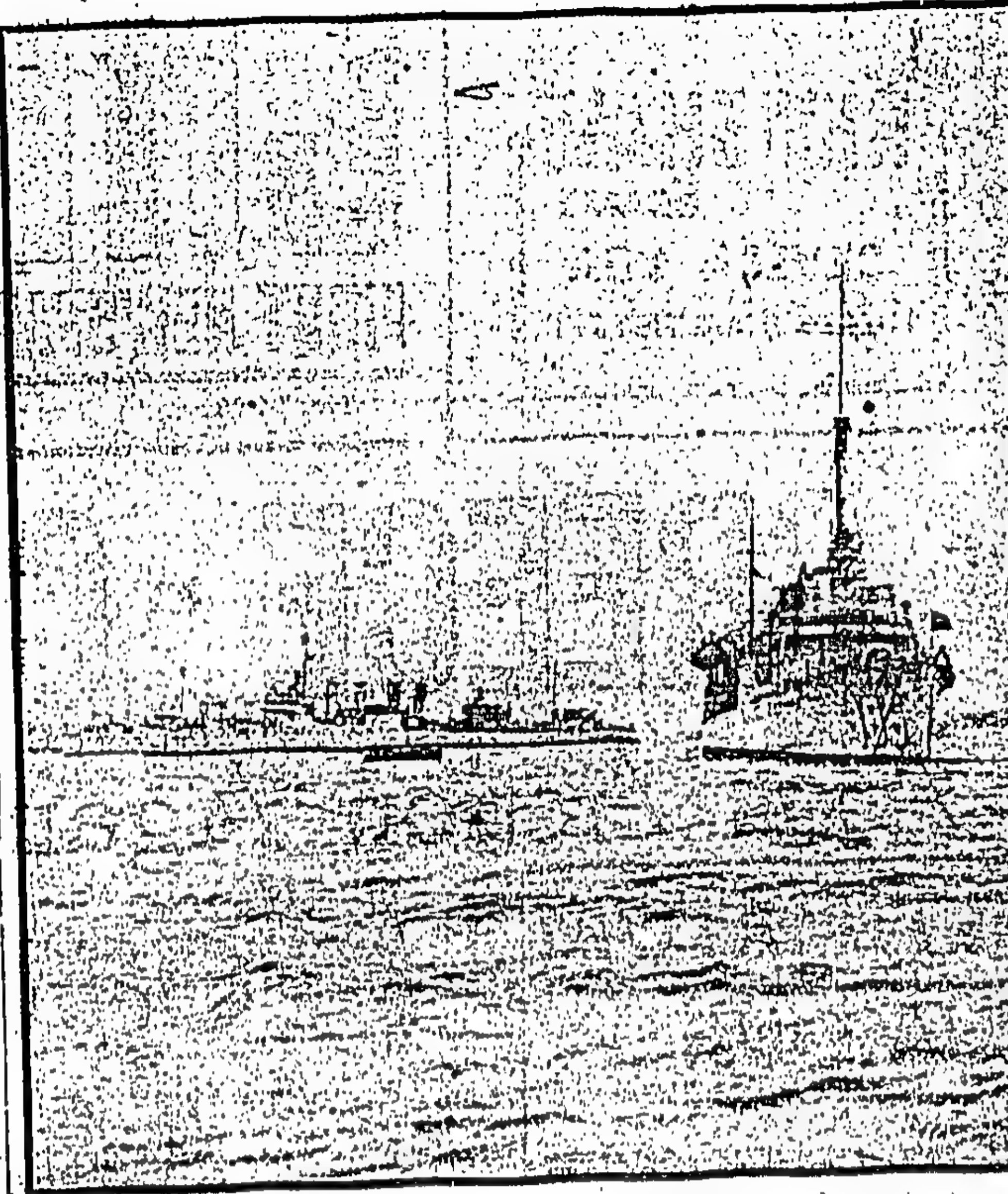
"L'Effort" declared the problem of Franco-German relations, "which for so long have been tackled in the wrong way," is now being discussed without any intermediary.

In the conversations between Hitler and Pétain, says the paper, "France appeared less as a defeated country than as an eventual partner."—Havas.

"Nothing Known"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

So far nothing is known of the alleged resignation of M. Paul Baudoin, French Foreign Minister, it was declared in Vichy yesterday.—Havas.



Three of the fifty American destroyers turned over to Great Britain by the United States, at their moorings in an Eastern Canadian port just before the historic transfer. (Copyright, Fox).

BERGEN NOT QUIESCENT UNDER NAZI HEEL

ANTI-QUISLING demonstrations and sabotage at Bergen has resulted in the introduction of a limited state of siege, with a "dusk to dawn" curfew, according to reports received in Stockholm yesterday from Norway.

Two were killed and many injured in one demonstration outside premises commandeered by the Quisling national assembly movement, where feeling ran particularly high.

Despite police reinforcements, the reports add, German troops have been frequently compelled to intervene.

It is stated that local leaders of this movement have now taken over the municipal administration.

There has been much sabotage, an example being the spoiling of a consignment of fish intended for Germany.

Many have sentenced to long terms of imprisonment at trials in camera for alleged offences ranging from tearing down posters to assembly movements to giving information to a foreign power on internal conditions in Norway.—Reuter.

Eurasia Pilot Wounded

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japanese aircraft appeared over Kunming at about 9.30 a.m. yesterday machine-gunning the outskirts and neighbouring district towns.

Chengtu was bombed at noon. Alarms were sounded in Chungking, but no planes were sighted near the city.

Walther Lutz, Chief Pilot of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, who was wounded on Saturday when the machine he was piloting was chased, fired at and compelled to land by three Japanese fighters, is making favourable progress in hospital.

The two Chinese pilots are also

PARADISE FOR COOLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Large cities in Szechuen such as Chungking and Chengtu have become real paradise for many labourers and coolies.

While white collar workers and those with a fixed income have been badly hit by the rapid rise in prices, labourers and the coolie class are now making an average of \$8 a day, while truck drivers and craftsmen earn almost \$10 a month.

Increased commodity prices to a large share of these gains. Workers still find it possible to send a few dollars every month to their families, especially those in rural districts where the dollar still goes quite far.—Havas.

ITALIAN "INCIDENT" ALLEGATIONS

THE MYSTERY of the shooting on the Albanian side of the Greek-Albanian frontier, alleged by the Italians, is deepened by a semi-official statement issued in Athens yesterday.

The Italian account of the incident is emphatically denied.

It is stated that absolutely no incident occurred on the frontier itself but Greek frontier posts on Saturday heard firing which apparently came from the Albanian village of Vernin, two miles from the border.

The Greek commander informed an Italian officer opposite and asked for an interview to ascertain the facts. So far the Greek officer has received no reply, it was added.

Serious View Taken

A SERIOUS VIEW IS TAKEN IN ATHENS AT THE SIGNS OF A RENEWAL OF ITALIAN PRESSURE ON GREECE.

The Greek Government has issued an official denial that Government troops or irregulars on Saturday morning attacked an Italian outpost on the Albanian frontier.

It is pointed out that there are no Greek regulars who might have committed such an act at that particular time and place, and it has been proved that no Greek crossed the border within the time covered by the alleged incident.

Greek and Italian frontier commanders were to meet yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

Greek Statement

The semi-official Greek agency later stated that a meeting between the Greek and Italian frontier post commanders was taken place yesterday afternoon.

A further denial of Italian reports of alleged frontier incidents was issued by the agency when said that reports from Tirana transmitted by the Stefani agency according to which a Greek band is stated to have entered Albanian territory and attacked Albanian posts near Koritza, false.

No Greek band passed Albanian frontier at any point, it is declared.

No band has been formed, could be formed in Greek territory in view of the fact that Greek military and civil authorities have assured absolute order.

Infantile Invention

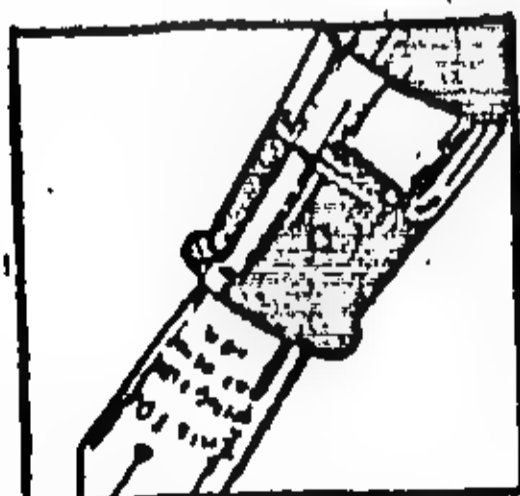
The denial also characterizes the report that bombs exploded the office of an Italian lieutenant at Santi Quaranta and that Greek authorities are responsible "purely an infantile invention."

Meanwhile a Stefani agency despatch from Tirana alleges that leaflets containing exhortation have been dropped in districts of southern Albania, an unidentified plane.—Route

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BATTLE OF BRITAIN OVER?

Battle Of The Empire Now About To Begin

Hitler Blow In Middle East Coming

"THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN MAY NOW BE OVER, FOR ITS ISSUE, I BELIEVE, IS ALREADY DECIDED," DECLARED MR. L. S. MERRY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, IN A SPEECH IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"The battle of the Empire comes next. Frustrated in his attempt to destroy our Commonwealth by one blow at its heart, Hitler will try to do so by striking at the next vital point, namely our hold on the Mediterranean, our lifeline to the East and particularly our position in Egypt and Palestine on both sides of the Suez Canal.

"If he could drive us out of the oil of Iraq and the cotton of Turkey and Egypt but, more important still, to be able to transport them by sea through the ports of his allies or vassals.

"He would have broken through our blockade and would be in a position to threaten India and British Africa at close quarters.

"It is in the light of these aims that we must look at what has been happening in Rumania, what has been plotted against the independence of Bulgaria, what lies behind the conferences Hitler has been holding with Franco and Stalin.

Up To Us

Where and how the attempt is to be made we cannot yet judge. It is up to us to beat it off as we have beaten off the attempt this island.

Then, at last, the time will come for the turning of the tables on our enemies and the beginning of our own offensive."

England was not alone in its struggle against the Dictators. At this moment a conference is being held in Delhi of representatives of the Empire east and south of Suez to consider how the resources of all their territories can be developed and mutually aided in order to produce the greatest volume of striking power for the future.

Addressing The Balance

That is an immensely significant event in history.

As Mr. Churchill said, it is going into being a new world of balanced strength to redress the balance of the old."

After pointing out that the British Air Force will continue to oppose Germany's resources at sea, Mr. Amery said:

"In one sense we settled the issue of the Napoleonic wars at Waterloo but it took another ten years before that victory was fully made good at Waterloo."

"We can hope, thanks to our growing air power, that Hitler's Waterloo will come much more swiftly and be less conclusively."

War Aims

Referring to war aims, Mr. Amery declared: "We wish to establish for others the principles which we believe are fundamental to civilisation."

"We wish to see established in Europe the elementary rights of life and freedom for individuals; the right of minorities to be respected by majorities and of all nations to live in peace side by side with greater ones — to co-operation take the place of anarchy."

"Meanwhile our first task, in words of Pitt, is to have ourselves by our exertions and example by our example."

Nazi Plan

In the course of his speech, Mr. Amery said that the Nazi plan,

in which the overrunning of Western Europe was merely a preliminary, was first of all by sheer weight and numbers to smother and eliminate the smaller British air force, then to destroy or disorganise all sources of munitions production and communications, to cripple the Royal Navy by the destruction of dockyards and then, when the British had been sufficiently disorganised, starved and terrorised, the vast fleet of ships and motor barges which was being steadily moved to every port facing the shores of England, could bring over in comparative safety mechanised forces which would crush the improvised British army and dictate terms of peace.

That plan had been carried, if miscarried thanks to the heroism of a few thousand young men in the R.A.F. and to the steadiness of a great nation.

Gay Gallantry

Every attempt of the German air force to come over in strength was defeated by the sheer courage, nerve and gay gallantry of British airmen and by the quality put into their aircraft of British designers and British workers.

The failure of the German air offensive was plain in the tale of casualties.

Mr. Amery recalled that "over the whole period of the war, including the more cautious German tactics of the last few weeks, they have lost over and around the British Isles some 2700 machines to some 720 of ours, of whose pilots nearly one half have been saved."

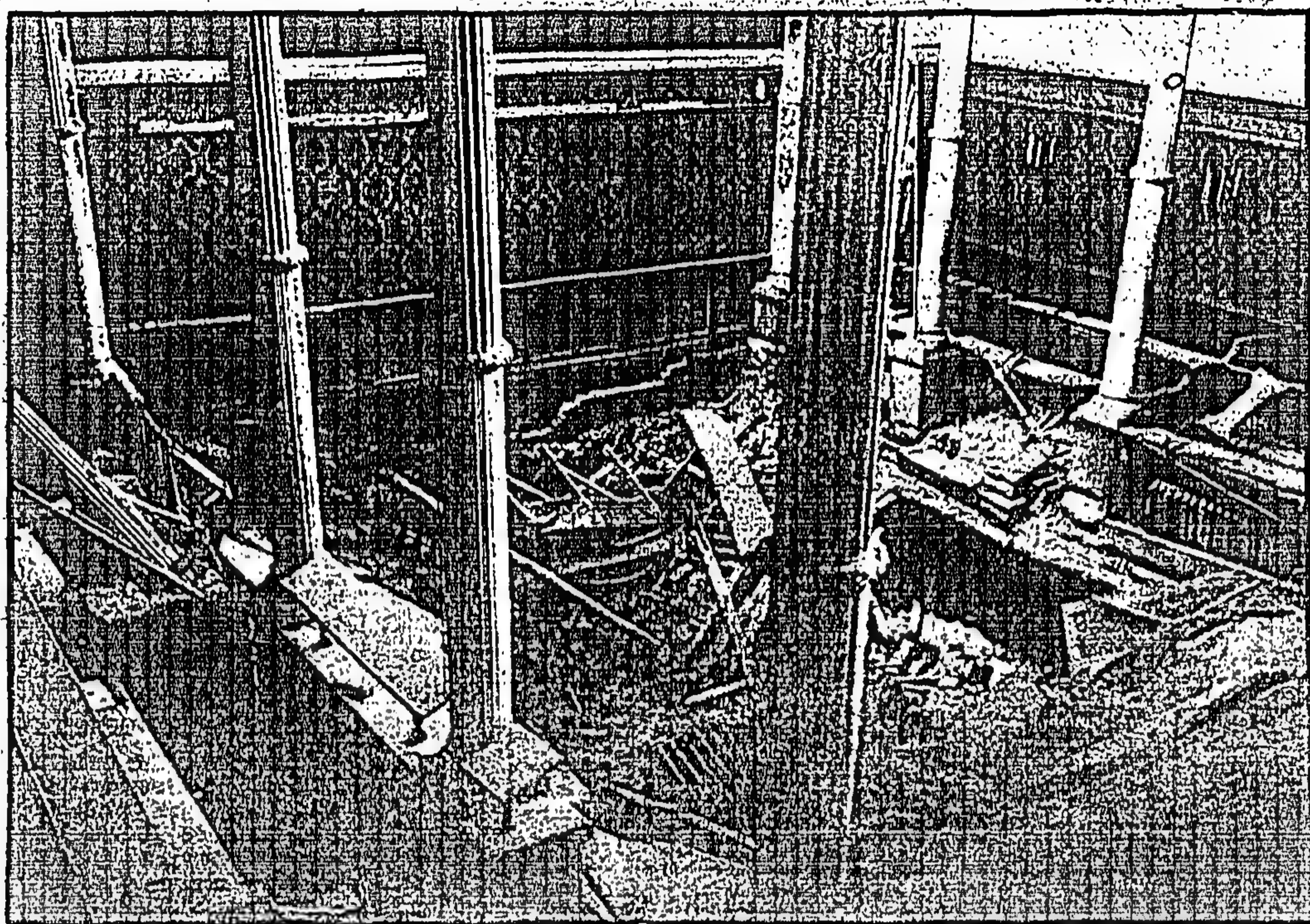
Nor have they done any damage to our aircraft factories sufficiently serious to prevent our gaining upon them in actual numbers or indeed to affect the general production of munitions or food in this country."

Entirely Failed

He continued: "They have destroyed here and there much individual property, killed some thousands of civilians and rendered many thousands more homeless or at least uncomfortable. But they have entirely failed either to weaken our fighting strength or to terrorise our people. We are carrying on grimly and gallantly."

What is more, our air force has been by no means content with standing merely on the defensive. While German planes were vainly trying to master our fighters and smash the defence of this country our own bombers steadily have been engaged in breaking up German preparations for invasion and to such good effect that it has been widely rumoured over the continent that an invasion was actually attempted and the invaders destroyed."

Meanwhile our bombers have been no less busy in searching out Germany's centres of munitions production and transportation. We can say with confidence that during these two months our numerically inferior bomber force has inflicted far more effective material damage upon the enemy



One of the first pictures of the interior of the private chapel at Buckingham Palace after a Nazi bomb fell on it during an aerial attack by a German plane on the palace. Debris, among which are pieces of the broken chancel rails, are seen scattered all over the chapel in this picture. (Copyright, Fox.)

FIVE HUNDRED PAUPERS DIE IN SHANGHAI COLD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

At least 500 street sleepers have died in Shanghai as result of the bitter weather. Famished and tattered creatures, with their only shelter a grimy scrap of straw matting, dropped like flies from want of resistance. Among the victims were 187 children and 346 adults.—Havas.

than we have suffered at his hands.

Hitler's Failure

It is still too early to say whether the much heralded invasion is still to be attempted or not. Two things can, however, already be said with confidence. One is that if attempted it will be a failure. The second is that if abandoned it will be no less a failure.

In either case it will mark the definite turn of the tide of this war. Abandonment would be not only a terrible blow to Hitler's prestige but all the gigantic effort put into getting where he wanted to be in order to launch an attack will have been largely wasted.

He has made himself responsible for thousands of miles of coastline which have to be guarded and for vast areas of territory which has to be held down. That means a tremendous dispersion of the German military strength. "I believe that invasion by its failure, in whichever way it fails, will in a large measure make dead sea fruit of all his previous victories."

A Way Of Life

Speaking of the cause for victory for which Britain and her Allies were striving and would strive, Mr. Amery said that when they spoke of the freedom of Democracy it was to be remembered that there were something more than the right to vote or say what you thought.

Freedom was "a way of life, of behaviour, of recognising that we must do to others as we would be done by."

It is a great tradition and a priceless inheritance interwoven with the whole life of this nation; and while England lives there is an example and encouragement to freedom all over the world." — British Wireless.

INDO-CHINA AIR CRASH CEREMONY

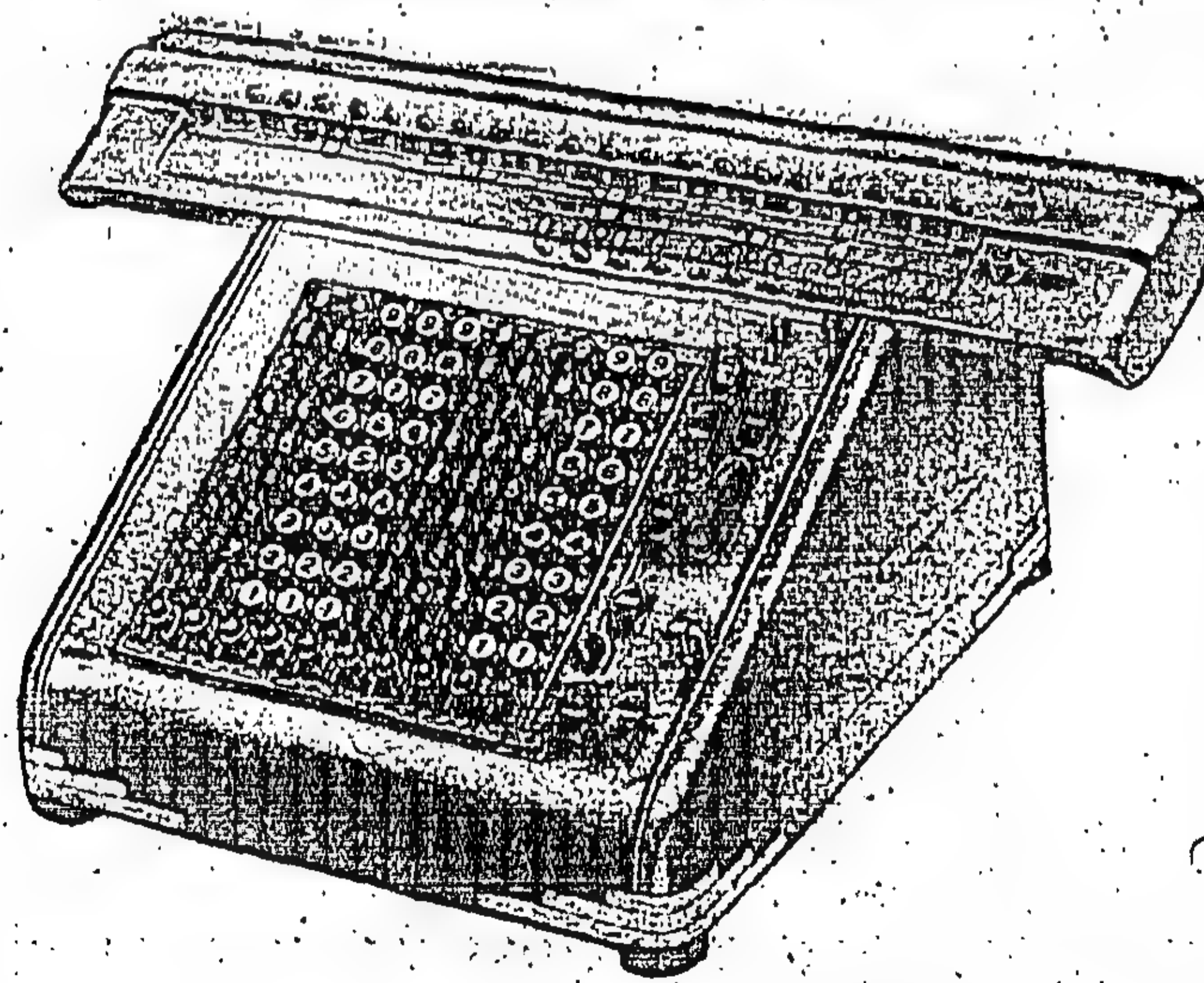
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rear-Admiral Teraoka, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in Indo-China, yesterday laid a wreath on the tomb of the victims of the air disaster when an Air France liner was brought down by Japanese anti-aircraft fire when flying over a forbidden zone. The plane was carrying a

number of French and Japanese officials all of whom were killed. —Havas.

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AERIAL SIEGE OF LONDON SLACKENS IN SEVERITY

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)
THE AERIAL "SIEGE" OF LONDON, WHICH ENTERED ITS EIGHTH WEEK YESTERDAY, WAS NOTICEABLY SLACKENED IN SEVERITY. THE REGULARITY OF THE RAIDS IS FAR FROM AN ACCURATE GUIDE TO THE INTENSITY OF GERMANY'S EFFORT.

It is recognised that the present pause may be only temporary and that Germany may be preparing a fresh onslaught with redoubled energy but unless this is the outcome of the Hitler-Petain agreement, the evidence of the past week justifies the belief held by qualified observers that the Luftwaffe's energy will be dispersed over a wider field.

This has not been the case by day, for Hitler and Goering have had to rely since the smashing defeat of September 15 on the use of bomb-carrying fighters whose effective range is strictly limited, but at night the Luftwaffe is now winging its way more over England and Wales and even some parts of Scotland seeking new targets. Midland towns, in particular, have become "little Londons." The great sprawling capital still attracts the majority of the night bombing fleet as with day raiders, primarily because it is so conveniently close to the European bases, but this does not alter the fact that night raids are becoming more widespread.

Worsening Weather

The worsening weather and thickening of the night defences

SHANGHAI MERCHANT WARNED

Lucien Tessier, a merchant from Shanghai, living in the Hong Kong Hotel, was cautioned by Mr. E. Himsworth, Magistrate, this morning for having 24 letters in his possession for the purpose of sending them out of the Colony other than through the post.

Defendant, appearing on bail of \$500, said he did not know the regulations. He had intended to take the letters through with him to the United States.

Sub-Inspector Slattery, for the police, said that he went on board the s.s. President Coolidge on Saturday morning when she arrived from Shanghai, and spoke to defendant, who produced the 24 letters.

Most of these letters were addressed to friends, but six were to addresses in the United States.

The letters were taken to the censor, who raised no objection to the contents of any of them.

Sub-Inspector Slattery said the police were not pressing for a serious view to be taken, although they had information that M. Tessier had previously committed the same offence.

Visa Question

M. Tessier asked that no offence be registered against him, as he was a prominent businessman in the Far East, making frequent trips through the Colony. If an offence were recorded, it might prove difficult for him to get visas to Hong Kong in the future.

The Magistrate said he was unable to take that into consideration, warning defendant to be more careful in the future. The Court administered an official "caution"

when the weather is fine, detracts from the wisdom of making London the sole or even main target.

The defiance aircraft which, it is announced, will revert to their role of night fighter, is yet another type to harry Nazi planes after dark.

The Blenheim has been used for some time and there is evidence that a new American type is suitable for night use.

In raiding over an ever widening field, especially at night time, the enemy is following closely the R.A.F. plan of campaign, which seeks to cripple Germany's war effort with attacks of growing intensity over the widest possible area.

Key To Mastery

Losses in aircraft and men on either side are fast losing their past significance and unless the present course of the air war is dramatically changed, in Britain or in another theatre of war, the key to air mastery may well resolve itself into a question of how quickly the R.A.F., with the help of American supplies, can match Germany's strength in bomber planes as we are now rapidly overhauling the enemy's total of fighter aircraft.—Reuter.

Two cases (one imported) of cholera, from Kowloon and Victoria; 34 cases of tuberculosis, nine of dysentery, and two of typhoid, were notified during Saturday and yesterday.

U.S. FACES ATTACK ON TWO OCEANS

The United States has been brought into a position where it must consider the possibility of a simultaneous attack in both oceans, said Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, in a Navy Day broadcast yesterday.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI CENSORSHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

POLICE CENSORSHIP OF CHINESE NEWSPAPERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT OF SHANGHAI CONTINUED UNSLACKENED IN SEPTEMBER, SAYS THE MONTHLY POLICE REPORT ISSUED YESTERDAY.

The editors of three newspapers were warned for publishing "objectionable" matter.

The censorship system, under which the police can raid Chinese newspaper offices and prevent publication of objectionable material, was instituted August.

Eleven new Chinese papers appeared during September, two of them with large circulation.—Havas.

WITHOUT INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Owing to the drastic police precautions both in the Settlement and the French Concession yesterday not the slightest incident occurred during the funeral of the late Mayor of Shanghai, F. Siao-en. The funeral was attended by large crowds.—Havas.

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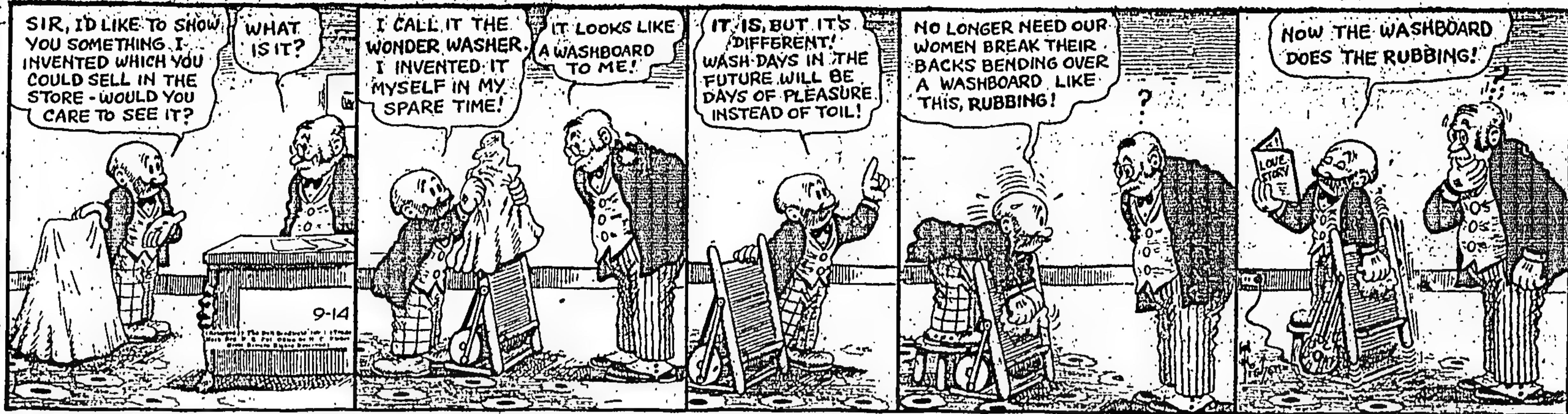
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Two Orders affect Grand Trunk Perpetual 4 per cent. Consolidated debenture stock, a sterling issue, of which there is about £24,500,000 outstanding and in which interest is guaranteed by the Government of Canada, while a third Order deals with some 60 issues of Canadian railways and Canadian companies, payable solely or optionally in Canadian dollars.

These securities have been vested in the Treasury with a view to their realisation in Canada in such a manner that sales in Canadian markets will be orderly and subject to careful regulation in regard both to amount and time.

The securities were vested in the Treasury on Saturday and first payments on them will be made on Nov. 25.

Owners of securities affected are asked to deliver them forthwith to the Bank of England. Payment will be made in sterling in London after delivery is completed.

It is hoped that a substantial

part of the money involved will be transferred to war bonds.

Defence Bond Issue

In order to facilitate arrangements for subscription of this money the Bank of England will accept subscriptions for National War Bonds of £100 or any larger sum in multiples of one penny, and the Post Office will accept subscriptions of £25 and upwards (subject to a maximum of £1,000).

For Defence Bonds subscription must be for £5 or multiples thereof and no person may at any time hold Defence Bonds exceeding £1,000.—Reuter.

AUSTIN ROAD ROBBERIES

Mrs. Bruce, residing on the first floor of No. 160, Austin Road, has reported that between 2 a.m. and 9 a.m. yesterday, a thief entered her flat and stole a watch valued at \$15, from her bedroom. Mrs. Cassels, of the same address, reports that during the same period, money and jewellery to the value of \$145 were stolen from her room.

Mr. Hammond, of No. 128, Austin Road, informed the Police last night that clothing and money, to the value of \$150, had been stolen from his residence.

SOLICITOR ADMITTED

At the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Kan Yuet-keung, son of Mr. Kan Tong-po, manager of the Bank of East Asia, was admitted as a solicitor and provisionally by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGeorgie, on the application of the Attorney General, The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster.

Mr. Kan Yuet-keung was educated at the Diocesan Boys School and obtained his B. A. degree at the Hong Kong University. On graduation, he went to England and was articled to Messrs. Gibson and Weldon and passed his law examinations there. He returned to Hong Kong in March.

KENYA PATROL IN SKIRMISH

One of our patrols was attacked by superior enemy forces near the Ethiopian border, 70 miles east of Lake Rudolf, said a communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The patrol withdrew successfully without loss from their post, inflicting casualties on the enemy.—Reuter.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Leung Choi, 32, Kwan Fai, 19, and Ko Choi, 34, were charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning, with conspiracy to steal telephone cable from Pokfulam, the property of the Military Authorities.

Defendants were remanded for 48 hours for further enquiries.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

It is announced that, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, units of H.K.V.D.C. detailed to parade will do so in spite of the Black-out. Nos. 2 and 6 Companies and and Training Cadre will, however, not parade on either of these nights.

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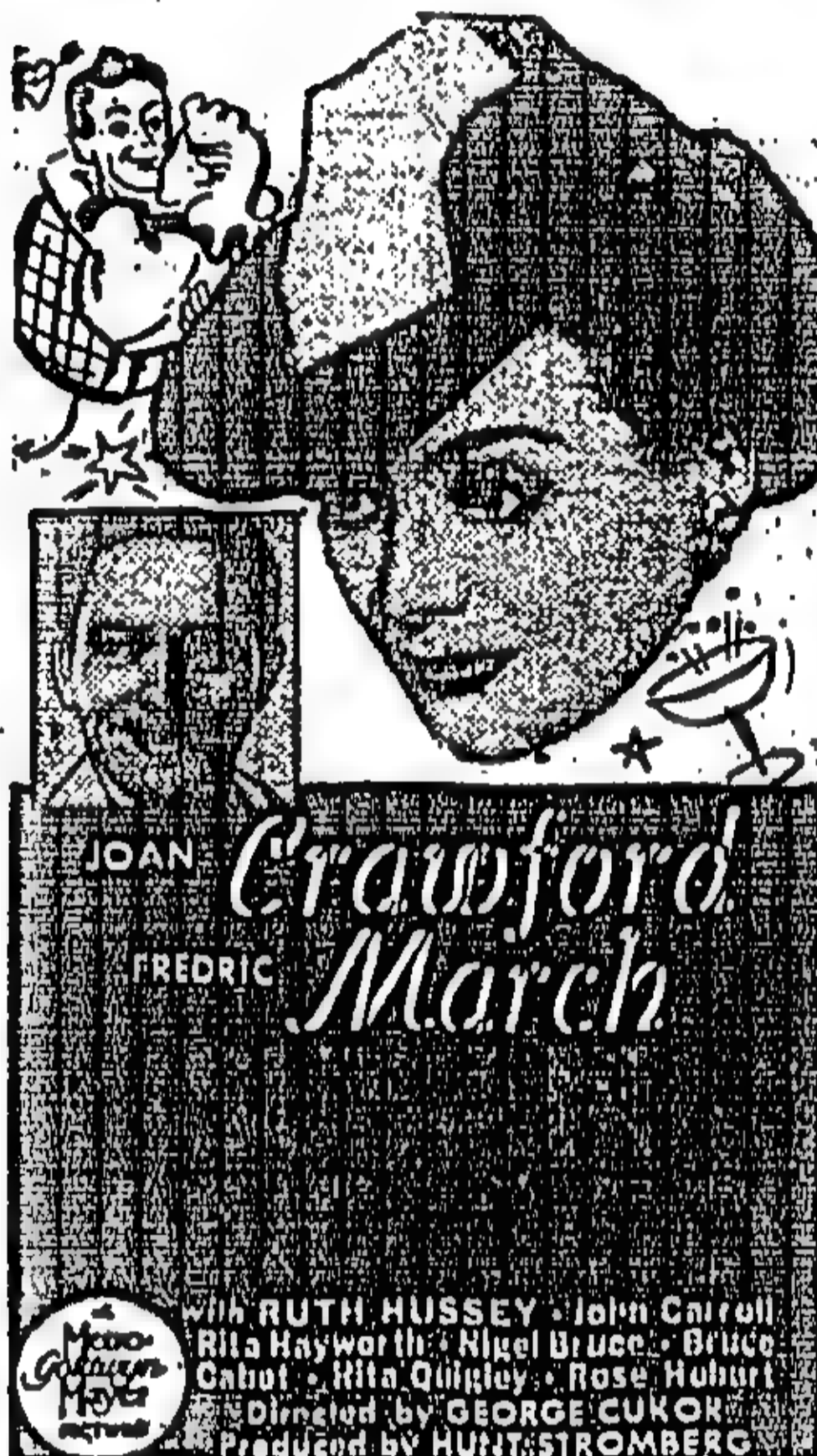
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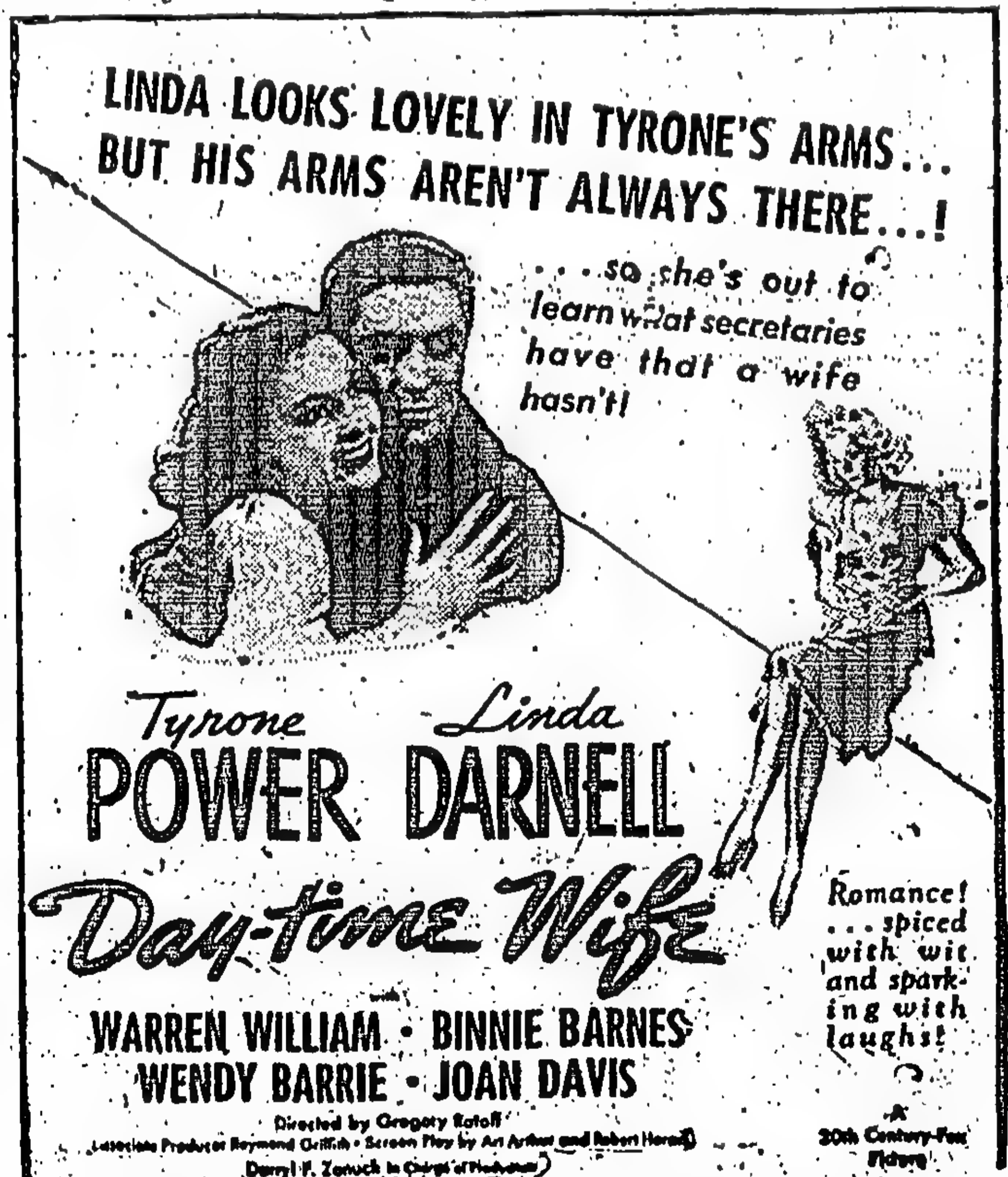


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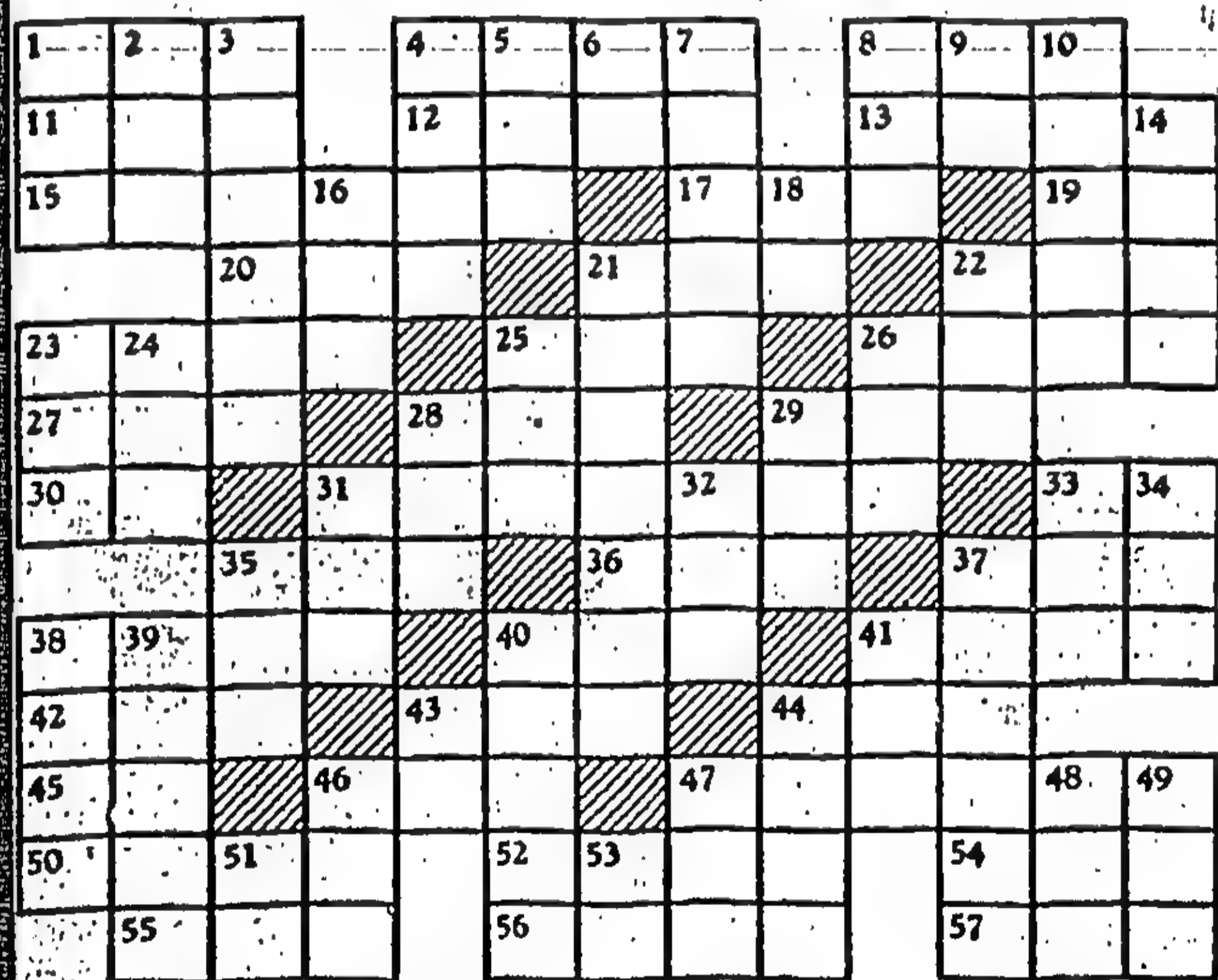
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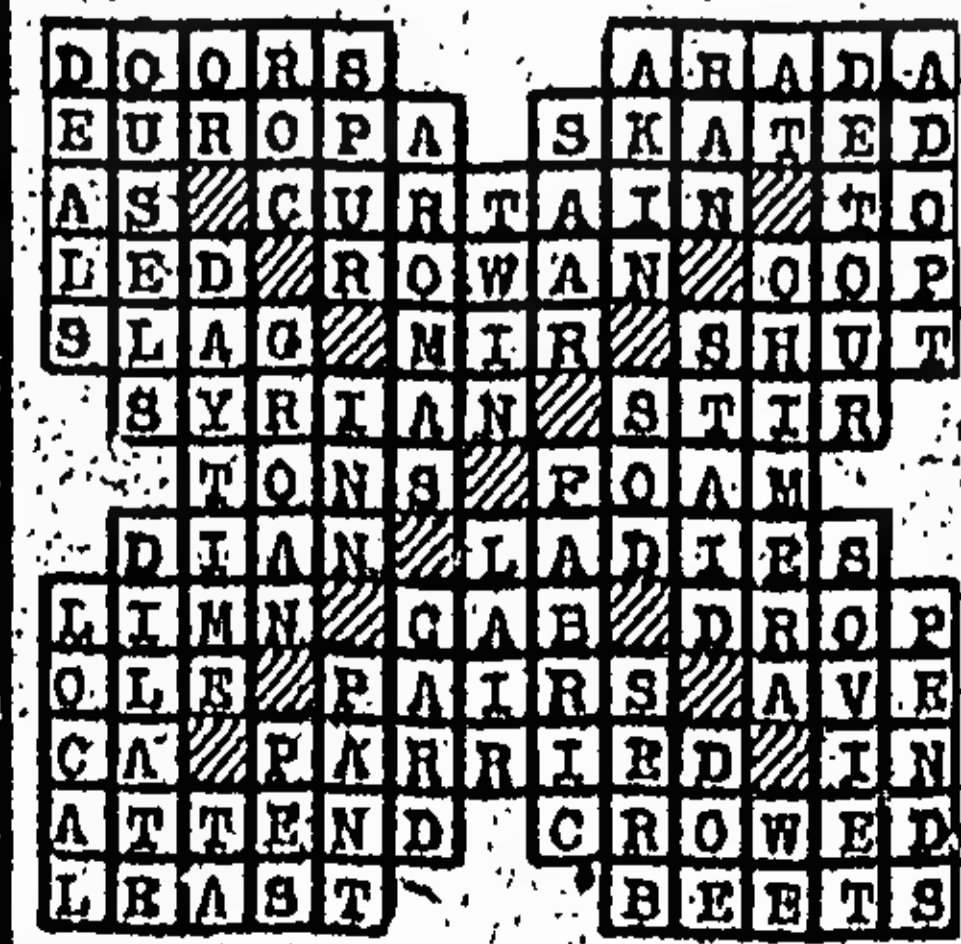
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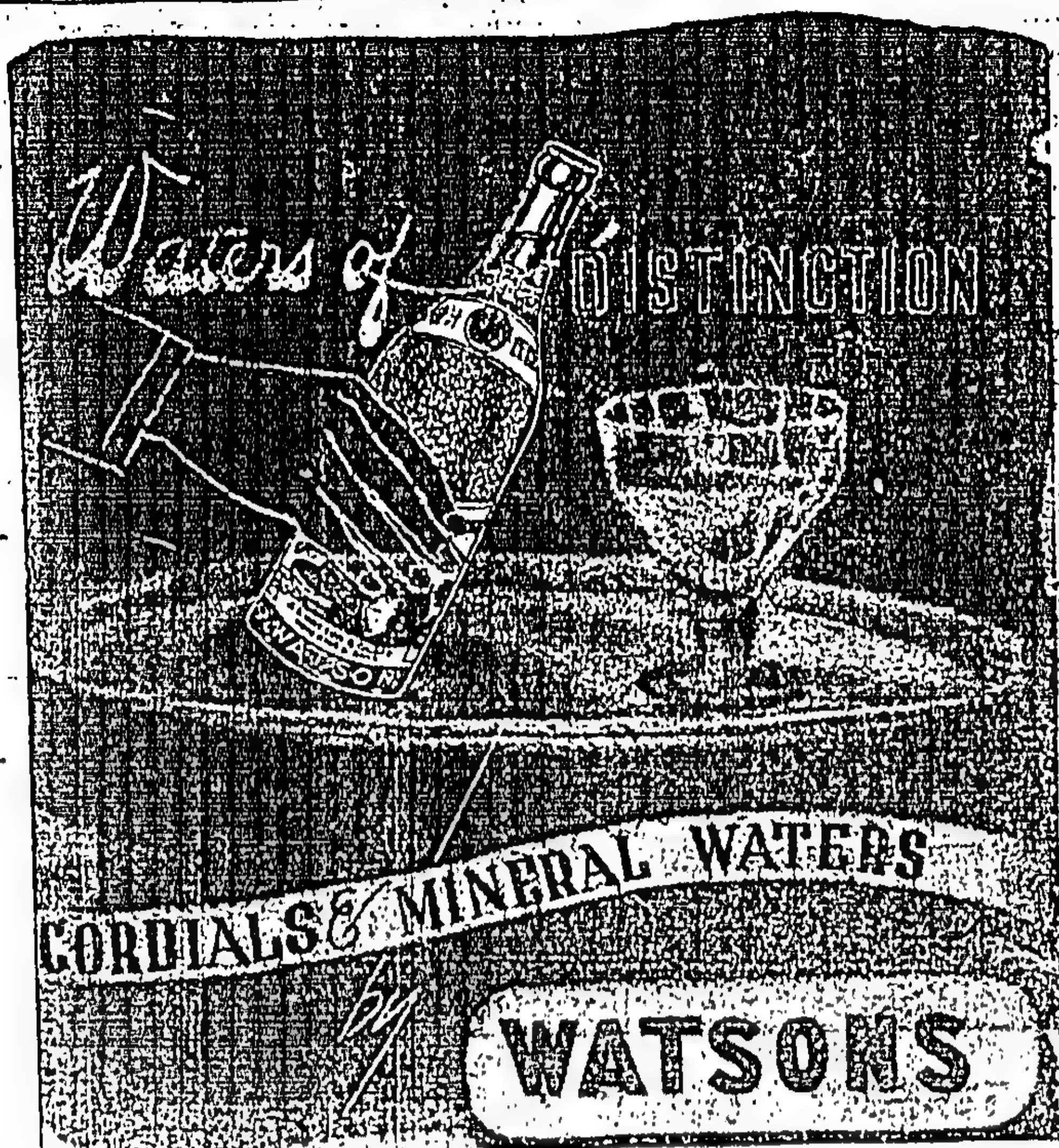
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 - Giver
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- Siberian river
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- Meadow
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- Pigpen
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- The lily
- Vehicle
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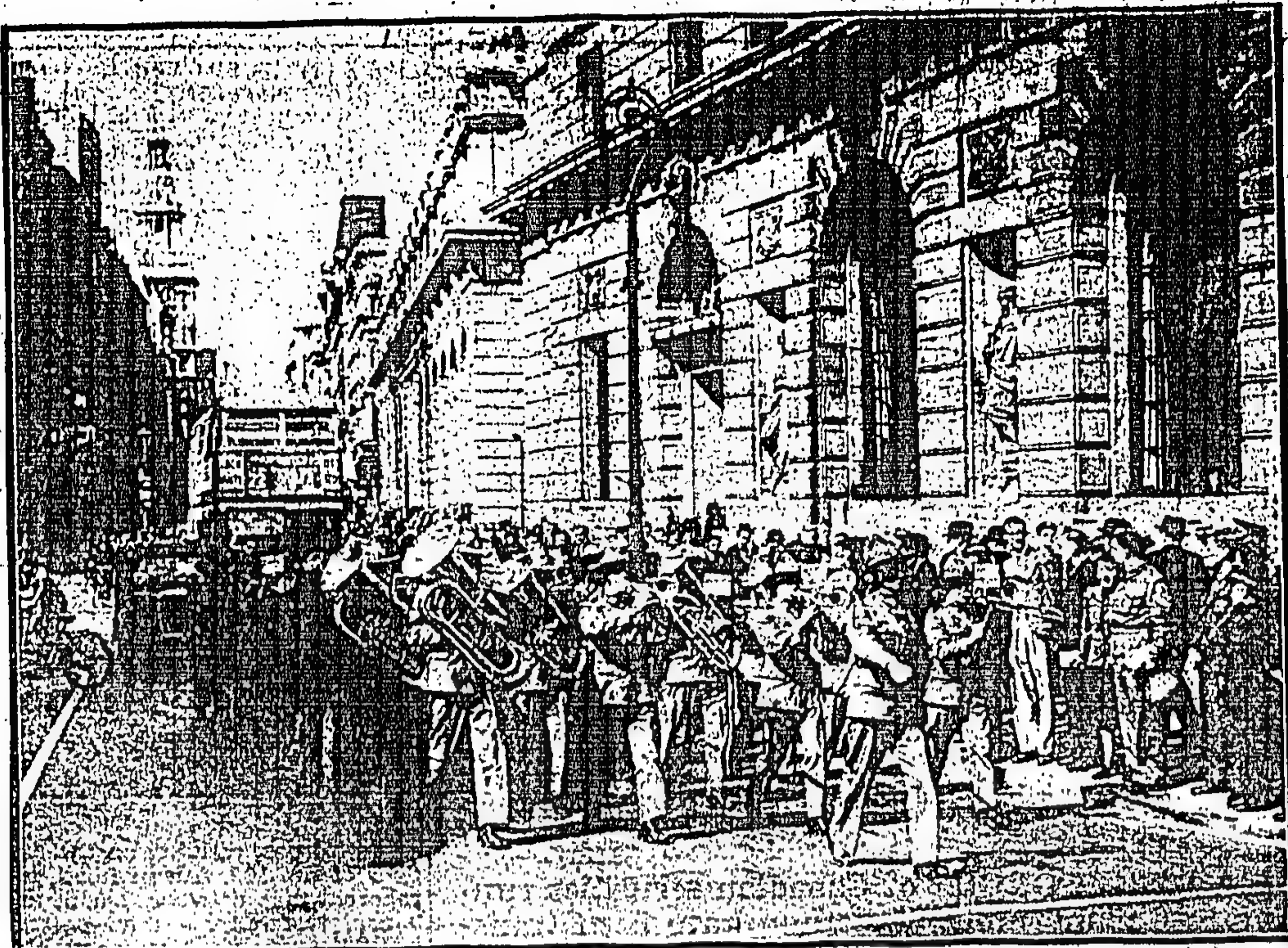
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The other day, for the first time, a Dominion band marched playing through the streets of London and gave a performance in front of the Royal Exchange. Photo shows the band marching through the City. (Copyright, Fox).

BERLIN BOMBED FOR HOUR AND HALF

Taste Of Britain's Heaviest Bombs

BERLIN WAS FOR 90 minutes on Saturday night one of the main targets of R.A.F. activity over Germany extending from the Baltic coast to Leipzig and Cologne.

Berlin had a taste of bombs of the heaviest calibre yet carried.

A large fire was caused in an aero-engine factory in a north-west suburb, the Moabit power station which is one of Berlin's main sources of electric supply, and the Putlitzstrasse and Lehrter railway yards were attacked with salvoes of high explosive bombs dropped from a low altitude.

Another British raiding force located the Brandenburg aero-engine factory at Spandau, a suburb ten miles north-west of the German capital, and attacked with high explosive and incendiaries, leaving a large fire burning fiercely.

Aircraft which made the 1,300-mile round trip to Pollitz, near Stettin, dropped several tons of explosives and incendiaries on the Norddeutsche Hydrierwerke, oil refineries and started fires and explosions within the target area.

Big Fires

At Cologne, the Union Rheinische Braunkohle plant was attacked and big fires started inside a large factory building.

The Leuna oil refinery was straddled with sticks of heavy calibre bombs falling across the centre and north end of the plant, causing heavy explosions and outbreaks of fire.

Docks and shipping at Hamburg were bombed three times while numerous hits were scored on docks at Cuxhaven and harbour installations and shipping concentrations at Antwerp.—Reuter.

DUST STORMS IN WESTERN DESERT

Severe dust storms in the Western Desert throughout Saturday were reported in a G.H.Q. communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday.

In the Sudan and Kenya British fighting patrols were again active. From Palestine there is nothing to report.—Reuter.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN BERLIN

Reports of widespread damage in Berlin due to R.A.F. raids have been received in authoritative quarters in London from reliable neutral sources.

Outstanding examples of effective damage of military importance are:

The Siemens works, which supplies a great part of the German army's electrical equipment, was severely damaged.

One-third of the Laewa electrical factory is completely destroyed.

Half a chemical machinery factory was burned down.

The AEG turbine works and the Maig motor depot were badly damaged.

Two of Berlin's principal power stations have been further disorganised by repeated attacks.

Without Gas

Charlottenburg went without gas for two days according to a reliable report.

Dislocation of Berlin's railway traffic was increased by damage to the Underground, which is the most popular means of transport. One attack destroyed many vehicles in the city's main tram and bus depot.—Reuter.

DR. BENES SPRING PROMISE

A "definite transformation in all military operations" next Spring was promised his people by Dr. Benes, the Czechoslovak President, in a special broadcast last night on the eve of the 22nd anniversary of their Nation's Independence Day.

The absolute failure of all German attempts to invade England, the almost incalculable losses Germans have suffered in their aerial adventures, the impenetrable blockade of Germany which will be ever more intensified, growing British air superiority—all these, Dr. Benes said, will lead next spring to a definite transformation in all military operations.

Internal troubles in Germany and German-occupied countries will do the rest.

"This end of Nazi-ism will be terrible, terrible to all who have been guilty," he went on.

"We are well prepared for it, our country!"

Referring to recent German attempts to persuade the Czechs and Slovaks to organise meetings, proffer expressions of loyalty, that the world might suppose they were ready to collaborate with the Reich, Dr. Benes warned his people not to yield to this pressure.—Reuter.

LOST \$1,400 IN A WEEK'S GAMBLING

After losing \$1,400 in gambling in a week, Li Mun-chiu, 30, a cook, returned to his employer Saturday and was arrested. He was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Hamsworth this morning for stealing \$1,400 from the Yau Sa Pawn Shop, No. 2, Canton Road last Monday.

Det. Sgt. Bothell said accused took the money from the safe and absconded.

CHINA MAIL

JAPAN'S RISK.

The dangers to which the industry and the economy of Japan may be exposed as a result of her few alliance with the Axis powers illustrate the risks the Japanese militarists are prepared to run in pursuit of their grandiose plans of conquest. After three years of exhausting war with China, Japan has not only failed to reap compensating benefits for her heavily-laden industries, but finds it necessary to exert a greater military effort than ever. The strain of the "incident" has told most heavily upon the civilian population and the foreign trade of the country, and there are limits to what either can stand.

Civilians can be made to wear rayon in place of cotton or wool, but for industry, in time of war, it is infinitely more difficult to dispense with iron, copper, aluminium, and rubber. The most significant fact, however, is that these materials are supplied at present predominantly from Anglo-American sources, few of them within easy reach of Japan. Australia has supplied important quantities of raw materials, the United States has exported special machinery, rolling-stock, special steels, and other industrial materials which Japan cannot at present produce for her satisfaction of her needs. The more responsible elements in Japan, those with an appreciation of her precarious situation, appear to be keenly alive to the appalling risk she runs if she should cut herself off from her supplies of these things. In the past, there has been an unwillingness to provide them in the normal course of trade, apart from such conservation of resources as may have been necessary to defence preparations. If, however, the new pact can mean no less than that Japan has entered into a clear-cut military alliance with our enemies, she can scarcely continue to count on the supply of potential war materials from those against whom she has declared herself. The extremists in Japan are not likely to be deterred from their course by economic danger so long as they imagine their available military supplies to be sufficient for the next immediate step, but they have every reason to fear the power of an Anglo-American trade embargo, to bring their war machine to a standstill.

When war broke out a year ago, we had in Britain the best organised machine for film propaganda in the world. We had what even Dr. Goebbels hadn't, a group of specialists, some of them with ten years' experience, skilled in the use of the most lasting of all propaganda weapons—the film. Some had studied film propaganda in America, France and Germany. Foreign experts said that their work was of high quality. "The documentary film people" were ready to work overtime night and day at the job of foreign propaganda.

To-day, a year later, we look back on twelve months practically wasted. Some of our best technicians are either foot-slogging in the Army, or awaiting their call-up, making a few short films. To all intents, the knowledge and experience we had accumulated over ten years have scarcely been used in the national interest. Yet we are a reserved occupation over thirty!

The documentary film people should, of course, have been taken over lock, stock and barrel by the Government's Ministry of Information and set to develop the field they knew so well. Instead, they have been left to pounce on the odd scraps of films which the M. of I's Film Division cares to drop around. And most, if not all, of these films are for British audiences.

The fight for the proper use of film for foreign propaganda is not new. It flared up over what films Britain should send to represent itself to the American people at last year's New York World's Fair. It was the documentary people, then, and not the official bodies, who saw that an honest expression of the British character was presented to the Americans.

That there were people in authority blind to the real spirit of the British people was bad enough in peace-time; but to-day it is positively dangerous. Overseas nations now more than ever need a clear and honest picture of the everyday British people who are pitting their all against annihilation.

Two bodies appear responsible for this vital job of foreign propaganda: The British Council and the Ministry of Information. The Films Committee of the former still retains the Guilty Men who epitomise the old school of foreign propaganda. There is not a single professional film publicist among them.

Relations between this Old World body, with its faded understanding of the British people, and the M. of I, appear obscure. Neither seems clear as to what the other is supposed to do, except that each has agreed to mind its own business. Their respective business is somewhat ambiguously defined as the difference between "political" and "cultural" films. What a side-laugh this must give Dr. Goebbels!

The British Council's Film Department, which is now extending its premises, has £71,800 to spend on cultural films for overseas, so its secretary tells me. This figure includes cost of copies of films and transit charges, but not establishment costs.

With this sum it is busy making such films as Britain's Reply to the Nazi Challenge, which puts forward the folk songs of the Scottish shepherd and the Welsh miner as a contrast to the Nazi youth worship of the military marching tune.

Americans, no doubt, will recall that the Nazis entered Oslo to the music of "Roll Out the Barrel," a tune not unknown in the British Army. It has also a film on Ulster's war effort, naturally without reference to Eire. American audiences are not, of course, attracted to March of Time's controversial voice on such a subject of dynamite.



not let the enemy know we are sending films abroad. Maybe silence is a useful cloak here because I doubt if the Ministry has completed a single film designed specifically for export.

We have no doubt sent abroad foreign language versions of a few documentaries—Squadron 992 and Behind the Guns—but these were made primarily for home use. We have produced no equivalent of the Nazi *Baptism of Fire*, their film of the Polish Invasion designed to scare neutrals, nor should we in content.

But we could have produced films of Democracy in the working and of the kind of world we hope to build when this war is over. In 12 months we could have put on the screens across the world 50 films of British outlook, British strength and British heroism. But does this rest with the M. of I, or with the Foreign Office, the Department of Overseas Trade, or perhaps the Armed Services themselves?

Neither the R.A.F. nor the Navy has an official Film Unit. Newsreels are sometimes given facilities. But it cannot be stressed too often that newsreel cameramen "shoot" for the special job of Stop Press news and their stuff is

By
Paul Rotha

British people with their backs to the wall, the British Council can shrug its gentlemanly shoulders and refer to its pledge to make only "cultural" films.

How many films in 12 months on "political" subjects, then, has the M. of I. made specifically for foreign showing? The answer must be on the secret list; we must

seldom suitable for considered propaganda. The Army has a Film Unit of two men at home and two abroad. None of them is a producer or director and they have no commission to do other than act as a sort of extra newsreel unit.

Some of their film is put into vaults for "Mr. Posterity," as official records are jocularly called, and some offered to the newsreels by whom it is consistently rejected, not because it is poor but because the newsreels have already covered the items.

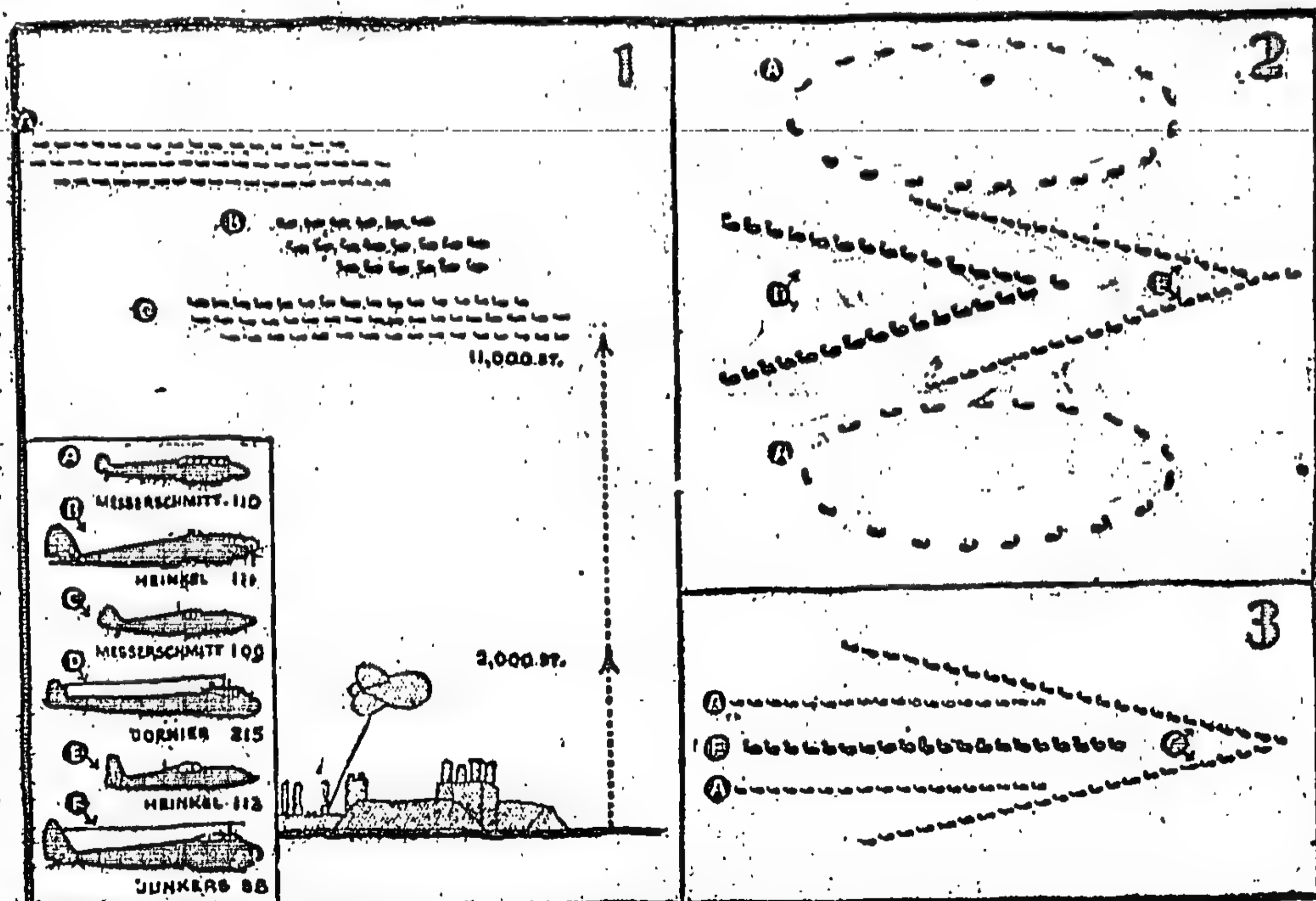
So we may well ask, with the Americans and the Argentinians, where are the films of the Men of the Tank Corps, the Big Guns, the Service Corps and the Infantry? Where is the day-to-day drama of bomber squadrons taking off into the dusk?

When asked to explain this astonishing failure to use British films to tell the world, the convenient reply is "The Treasury won't give money for films." But I wonder if this is the only reason? Do those in whose power it rests to order such films really have the will to make them? Are they anxious to reflect what the Press calls the Will of the People? Are they eager to tell neutrals that Britain is changing from the status quo that led to Munich?

Can this avoidance of facts be why the British Council makes films of Oxford, the City of Learning, and British bloodstock and not of bomber pilots and destroyer ratings? And, most important of all, of the British people at war on their own hearths? Or is it the simpler reason that these official bodies still have no real contact with the spirit of the people whose war it is?

Just before the war a brilliant satire was written on the British film industry called "Nobody Ordered Wolves." Better than any balance-sheets or bankruptcy courts it showed why the British film trade fell into disrepute. Someone had better get busy to-day on a book about the official film activity of the war. They can call it "Nobody Ordered Films."

How The Raiders Come



THESE diagrams attempt to answer a most difficult question. Many people want to know what tactics the German air force employs when its squadrons attack Britain.

They want to know whether the enemy aircraft arrive over the coast approaches in formation, and what are those formations. Also, they want to know how the enemy uses fighters to protect his bombers.

The enemy is full of tricks, and is not at all bound by convention or habit. He'll try anything once. So the German bombers, with their attendant fighters cross the Channel in varying numbers, in all sorts of formations.

One thing is clear. The Germans have discovered at great cost just how vulnerable their bombers are to our fighters. Their bombers are now protected by enormous masses of fighters. Often the bombers are protected by five times their number of fighters.

Diagram (1) is a side-shot over a town like Dover. Some 20 Heinkel He.111 bombers have come over in the sandwich formation. They are the ham in a Messerschmitt sandwich. Above and below them fly layers or slices of Me.109 fighters—50 fighters to the slice. Not shown in the elevation picture are the other fighters with a roving commission. These are Messerschmitt 110 twin-engined fighters. Several single machines are flying on the flanks of the sandwich formation ready to defend it against attack.

This formation will be held until the coast is reached; when the bombers will break up into several small groups and go their several ways, each with a share of the fighter escort. The twin-engined fighters either hang about looking for British fighters or return home.

It does not always happen just like this because the R.A.F. often interfere with the German plans. Now turn to diagrams (2) and (3). These are either zoom or

bird's eye views. In diagram (2) a formation of Dornier 215 bombers is being escorted to Britain. The bombers fly in arrow head formation. In front and above fly guardian Heinkel 113 single-seat fighters, twice as many fighters as bombers. On the flanks groups of Messerschmitt 110's fly about on the merry-go-round plan, looking for the trouble they will inevitably find.

Diagram (3) follows the same general idea; but the Junkers Ju. 88 bombers are flying in line astern. In front and above fly the Me. 109's. For the protection of the flanks and the rear of the bomber formation Messerschmitt 110's also fly in line astern, above the bombers but below the arrow-head of fighters.

With all their varying formations, the Germans like to send over separate groups of fighters to act as decoys, intended to divert the attention of our fighters from the following formation and to draw the fire of our guns.

RONALD WALKER

IMMINENT ACTION PROMISED TO ITALIANS

Goering Keeps Up Air Siege

Raids were made at intervals yesterday by formations of enemy fighters and bombers crossing the coast of Kent and flying towards London, says an Air Ministry communique.

The raiders were engaged by our fighters and A.A. defences and few of them succeeded in reaching London.

Some bombs were dropped in the London area and also at a number of places in south-east England.

Houses and other buildings were damaged at a few places but reports indicated the number of casualties is small, though several were killed.

An attack was also made in Hampshire in the late afternoon and a few bombs were dropped in one district. Reports so far received show that several houses were destroyed and a number of people injured.

It is confirmed that one more enemy aircraft was destroyed on Saturday and another on Friday.—Reuter.

“Exciting Events” Coming This Week

ITALIANS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO EXPECT EXCITING EVENTS IN THE COMING WEEK, ACCORDING TO DIRECT AND INDIRECT MESSAGES FROM ROME WHICH REFER TO “FORCE” IN RECENT GERMAN DEALINGS.

Previous acknowledgment that hitherto Italy has been only “present in spirit” at Hitler’s conclaves, especially with Spanish leaders, is now replaced by the assurance that Italy will shortly intervene directly in current Axis negotiations.

“Hitler’s contacts with Franco and Petain, and those which may follow in the next few days, represent the closing of the last portcullis against British expectations of creating confusion in Europe,” writes Signor Ansaldo, editor of Count Ciano’s newspaper “Telegrafo.”

Ansaldo adds the men of the Axis have been able by friendship or force to persuade European countries not to join in Britain’s game.

The Axis diplomatic offensive

agreed upon at the Brenner meeting is developing “but the best is yet to come.”

Celebration Postponed

The Italian controlled “Telepress” of Zurich yesterday foreshadowed “an event of great importance in Rome to-morrow.”

Celebration ceremonies of the anniversary of the March on Rome were postponed from yesterday to to-day (Monday).

The message concludes it is expected that the Mediterranean, especially the eastern part, will be the theatre of great activity this week.—Reuter.

“Diplomatic Offensive”

A “DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE” WAS THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN TO HITLER’S RECENT MOVES BY SIGNOR ANSALDO, EDITOR OF COUNT CIANO’S PAPER, YESTERDAY.

This “offensive,” he says, was agreed on at the Brenner meeting.

“Hitler’s talks with General Franco and Marshal Petain and others which may follow in the next few days,” Signor Ansaldo continues, “represent the shutting of the last portcullis against all British expectations of spreading the war.”

He indirectly admits, however, that Britain cannot be beaten.

“The men of the Axis,” he says, “know that in order to beat Britain she must be prevented from securing any satellite on the Continent.” — Reuter.

BERLIN AGAIN BOMBED

In their raid on Berlin on Saturday night the R.A.F. attacked aircraft works, an electric power station and goods yards. Oil plants bombed were at Stettin, Leuna and Cologne.

Naval docks at Hamburg, Cuxhaven and Bremen and railway communications at Bremen, Dortmund and Brussels were other targets.

The ports of Flushing and Antwerp and several aerodromes were again visited.

All these operations were carried out despite poor weather conditions over many of the target areas. One R.A.F. plane is missing.—Reuter.

PETAIN’S PROMISE TO PRISONERS

“Your liberation day will not long be delayed,” said Marshal Petain addressing prisoners when he visited a French war prisoners camp at Amboise, according to the “Paris Soir” yesterday.

After expressing sympathy Petain said: “You have perhaps believed we were not thinking of you. Be patient.” — Reuter.

EIGHT NAZI PLANES SHOT DOWN

It is officially announced that eight enemy aircraft were destroyed yesterday and that six British fighters were lost or missing, but the pilot of one is safe.—Reuter.

DE VALERA ORGANISING GUERRILLAS

The Eire Government is doing everything in its power to secure the necessary arms for a local security force of 100,000, said Mr. Eamonn de Valera, the Premier, in Dublin yesterday.

Their desire to remain at peace was not a sufficient guarantee. The

DISMAY IN UNITED STATES

There was much speculation in the American newspapers yesterday of the effect in Europe of any Franco-German alliance.

Developments in France have produced in the United States wide expressions of dismay, and Secretary of State Cordell Hull disclosed that President Roosevelt had sent a warning to Vichy was splashed on the front page of the New York morning papers.

Some radio commentators criticise the United States continued diplomatic recognition of the Vichy Government and Washington’s “politeness” regarding French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

It is generally considered that Hitler’s new programme was necessitated by the thwarting of his original plans by the R.A.F. Naval aid is considered a chief aim. The belief that the French people will revolt if the Vichy Government joins the war against Britain is again voiced by several papers.—Reuter.

warring groups might think it to their advantage to take possession of the whole or part of the country.

The local security force has been established to give the country one possible guarantee, namely that if attacked they would defend themselves. They were not yet armed but he knew the country would gladly bear the cost of providing arms.—Reuter.

GENERAL DE GAULLE APPOINTS COUNCIL OF DEFENCE

GENERAL DE GAULLE, Leader of all Free Frenchmen, has appointed a Council of Defence of the French Empire, it was learned in London last night.

Announcing its appointment in his broadcast proclamation from Leopoldville, Belgian Congo which he is visiting, General de Gaulle says that the Council, “on behalf of France, will perform all the duties of war Government on all French territories which are fighting on and will fight on.”

Decision to appoint the Council was taken, General de Gaulle said, “in view of the fact that henceforward the Free French forces represent the only resort of the Fatherland.”

Appealing to all French people, General de Gaulle said: “French officers, French soldiers and French citizens!”

“A few infamous politicians have broken up the Empire of France. Be prepared! Stand to your arms!”

First Order

General de Gaulle also announced his first order which declares: “As long as a French Government and representation of the French people do not exist normally and independently from the enemy, the powers formerly performed by the Chief of State and Council of Ministers will be exercised by the Leader of the Free French Forces, assisted by a Council of Defence.”

“These powers will be enforced in consonance with laws existing in France on June 23, 1940.” — Reuter.

AMERICA WARNED OFF

A warning to Americans to keep out of European concerns was uttered by the Duke of Aosta in speech yesterday at Blackshirts at Turin.

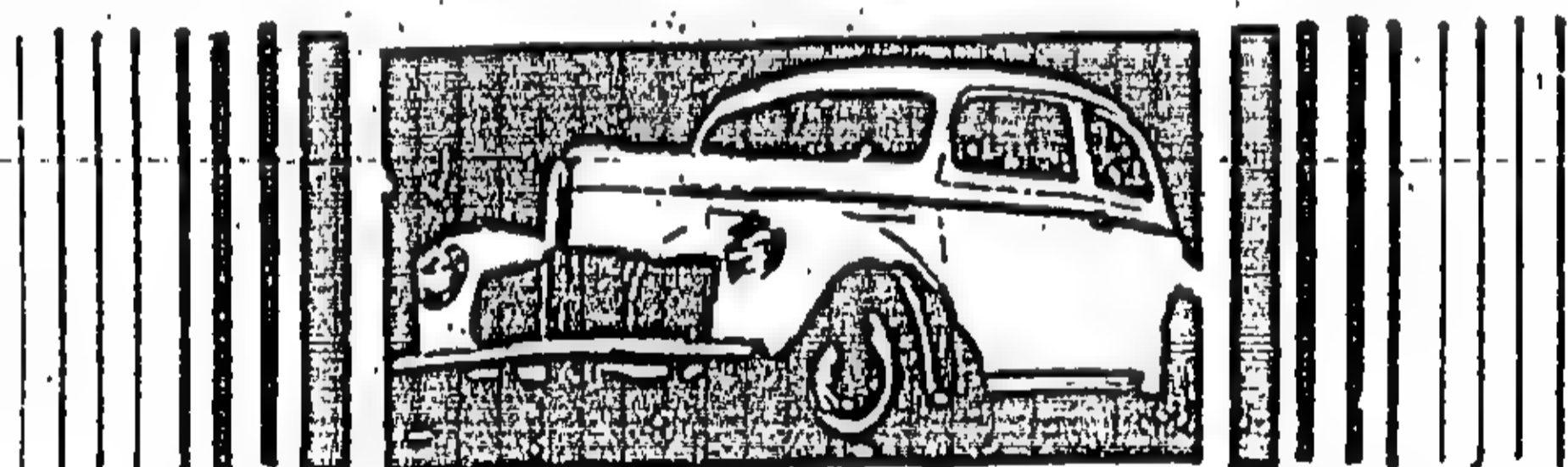
He said it was only right the Americans should have control of their own continent but it was not right that the Americans should meddle in affairs which concerned only Europeans.

The Duke also asserted: “The rule of gold and raw materials must be ended for ever and be replaced by the domination of the whole people who produce and labour.” — Reuter.

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CLOSER LINKS WITH U.S. ON DEFENCE

WARM APPROVAL HAS been expressed in the United States for the tightening of what Mr. Churchill calls the "association of interests" between the United States and the British Commonwealth through the defence negotiations with Canada and the United Kingdom.

It was unfortunate that the events called forth a suggestion in London that they looked to the signing of a military alliance. Mr. Churchill's speech described precisely the status of the relations.

Inevitably, in a world where the United States as well as the United Kingdom is alone the relation must get closer. But the movement on the American side will be gradual, especially in this election year, and any anticipation of the form the relations might take eventually is as unwise as it is premature. Sufficient that every week marks progress.

Of first importance is the economic tie. Data released this week bear out the description in the Commons of the great amount of munitions imported from America. It is even charged in New York that American manufacturers are giving British orders preference over American orders.

The fact is that many contracts for domestic equipment are held up by the argument over taxation. A Bill embodying an excess profits tax and permission to business men to write off new plant expansion rapidly is still the subject of controversy within a Congressional Committee.

Significant Change

In the diplomatic field, where policy is on a twenty-four hour basis, American mails via Transatlantic Clipper are again being routed through Bermuda, and this is of vast import to Britain. It means that American mails along this route will once again be subjected to British censorship.

Objections to such interference in the early days of the war prompted the Pan-American Airways to omit Bermuda as a port of call. Now the reinstatement is issued simultaneously with the news that Washington no longer has any objections to the Bermuda censorship. In anticipation of the step, which will intensify the financial and economic blockade of Germany and Italy, a hundred new censors have just arrived at Hamilton.

Perhaps the increasing signs of improvement in Washington-Moscow relations may be set down as evidence of British-American alignment. It is certainly pointed enough, so pointed, indeed, that Tokyo is showing signs of alarm. Ambassador Horinouchi has been recalled from Washington, and his place may be taken, according to news from Japan, by a Japanese industrial statesman.

How far the United States will go towards Moscow is problematical. Perhaps only so far as to scare the Japanese or, in other words, to fortify the vigorous diplomacy of protest which is still being directed at Tokyo.

It is interesting that the United States seem to be cutting new ground in this kind of opportunist diplomacy as well as in military engagements.

Methods Of Help

The Presidential campaign is being monopolised by Mr. Willkie, but the President will not lose any publicity by his silence. He can always capture the headlines on his job, and any move in the international field is sure to push Mr. Willkie aside, as was almost done in the conversations with Mr. Mackenzie King. This got parallel attention with Mr. Willkie's acceptance speech. It is thought that Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, who is now in Canada, may be working out some method of aiding Canada in financing its war effort. This might be done through a currency agreement. Loans are envisaged, too, for though Canada is excluded from the American money market, as a belligerent, repeal of the ban so far as the Dominion is con-

cerned has already passed the House in a clause attached to a Bill for enlarging the capital of the Export Import Bank.

So Canada may become much more than an interpreter's house as the result of the new United States-Canadian arrangements. A joint interest is arising between Britain and America, in Arthur Krock's words, in which "individual concessions become common and essential assets."

MONEY STOLEN AT UNIVERSITY

A sum of \$135 was stolen from the Fung Ping Shan Library of the Hong Kong University yesterday.

Nation of Huss Fights On

On the eve of the twenty-second anniversary of the foundation of the Czechoslovak Republic yesterday, Dr. Benes broadcast a speech to his countrymen.

The President gave a summary of the events leading up to Munich and March 15, 1939, which he described as "the days of our profoundest grief and humiliation," and told his peoples that since the latter date he had been preparing for Czechoslovak liberation.

"We had difficulties, we still have difficulties, but we are surmounting them one after another," and he told how the liberation campaign organisations which had been first built in America and France and then the British Empire and other parts of the world, had now been completely united.

There was a free Czechoslovak Government and a whole provisional State structure in being and in diplomatic relations with many countries, including Britain and the United States.

The anniversary would be celebrated in London to-day and would be a day of hope and faith in final victory.

Dr. Benes spoke of the German failure in attacks on Britain and said the British growing air superiority would lead to a definite transformation in all military operations.

Dr. Benes then said he knew Berlin recently had ordered the Czechoslovak peoples "voluntarily" to enter the Reich and "voluntarily" organise meetings and expressions of loyalty to the Nazis.

"But I warn you again, as I have already warned you before, not to yield to this pressure. I stress again to-day that the world understands quite clearly what Munich meant. To-day the world knows that a wrong has been done us and this wrong must be righted. And the British Prime Minister solemnly declared on the second anniversary of Munich that the Munich Agreement was destroyed and no longer existed."

To-day the world also knows our whole nation has remained true to the ideas of Democratic freedom, to the idea of free European culture, that it remained the people of Masaryk, that it conducted itself and is conducting it-

KENNEDY TUNING UP

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, ARRIVED AT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT, NEW YORK, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND IMMEDIATELY TOOK OFF AGAIN TO FLY TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE WILL SEE THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Kennedy refused to comment on his future plans until he has seen President Roosevelt.

He emphatically refused to talk about Britain but added: "I'll have a lot to say when I finish."

This remark was taken to mean after his conference with President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

NAZI REPORT OF SCOTLAND ATTACK

German bombers from Norway attacked two aerodromes in north-east Scotland from "a dangerously low height," according to the German radio yesterday.

It was claimed hits were scored on hangars, barracks and other buildings at Wick, while "all" aerodrome buildings and barracks at Lossiemouth were destroyed.—Reuter.

self bravely, honourably and firmly.

It has known also how others more powerful and more mighty have given in and surrendered to barbarous Nazism while our nation, at the time of Munich, after Munich and still to-day, has maintained its moral strength, maintained honour, manliness and firmness, and of all the threatened nations is resisting most consistently and most firmly.

To-day it is no phrase if I say we remain the nation of Huss which in the hardest hour of its life has not yet yielded to the Germans and has not betrayed its truth.

Neither must you give in. Do not give in to pressure and do not stain the lovely banner of our nation and State by bowing down before a knot of Nazi gangsters.

Do not follow any of those few individuals in our nation who were either bribed and will not escape the punishment they deserve or who have lost all power of resistance and are irrevocably condemned by the nation to eternal shame as an eternal warning.—British Wireless.

WELL-DRESSED YOUTHS IN THEFT CASE

Two well-dressed Chinese youths appeared before Mr. K.M.A. Barnett this morning, charged with stealing clothing from a car belonging to Dr. E.W. Kirke, parked at Jackson Road near the Hong Kong Club on October 26, and with stealing a raincoat from a car outside the Supreme Court the same day.

Lam Kwok-hing, 22, and Lei Chi-yiu, 19, then were alleged to have stolen a raincoat, an overcoat and a travelling rug from Dr. Kirke's car.

Lam, it was revealed, was cautioned by Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., on October 18, for a similar offence.

Both were sentenced to eight months' hard labour, and recommended for banishment.

Owner of the second raincoat is unknown. Any person who has lost one from a car, on Saturday is requested to communicate with Sergeant J. R. Sykes at Central Police Station.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 28th October, 1940.

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BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces

Crime Doesn't Pay! No 15

We'll help the members of the Crime Club by announcing that South committed the crime on the hand below. The bidding was a trifle optimistic but not censurable; and the opening lead was favourable. But South forsook the straight and narrow path of Bridge virtue:

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q J 4
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A J 10 9
♣ Q J

♠ A 10 9 8
♥ 6 5 2
♦ K 5
♣ 10 9 8 7

♠ 7 2
♥ 4
♦ Q 7 6 3 2
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

♠ 6 5 3
♥ A K Q J 10 9
♦ 8 4
♣ A K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the ten of clubs, not dreaming that a diamond lead would have stopped South dead in his tracks.

South won with the King of clubs and drew the adverse trumps. He then led a low spade, West ducked, and dummy won with the Jack. A club to the Ace put South in for another spade lead towards dummy. But West ducked again, and dummy won with the Queen.

Now South's only chance was that the Ace of spades would drop, so he led a low spade from the dummy. But West won with the ten of spades and led the Ace. South ruffed, of course, but had to surrender a diamond later on, thus losing the Slam.

What was South's crime? Decide for yourself before reading on.

South committed his crime when he drew the third round of trumps. He should have foreseen the possible need of getting back to his own hand from the dummy. Correct play is to draw only two trumps and then lead a spade. Dummy wins and South gets back by leading the third trump at this point. Another spade is ducked by West again, and dummy wins and returns a club to South's Ace. Now South can lead spades for third time from the South hand, and West can do nothing to defeat the contract.

Saturday, you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ 9
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 A 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump. This bid shows moderate strength and support for any suit but hearts. If your values are not shown at this point, it is likely that you will never again have a safe chance to show them.

Score 100% for one no-trump, 30% for pass.

Question No. 549

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 8 5 3
♥ 10
♦ K 5 3
♣ K 4 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Male
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

BLONDE KILLED BY SIREN SLAYER

SIRENS WERE SOUNDING the "All clear" as a twenty-three-year-old blonde, Jean Brown, was lying murdered in her basement flat at Plymouth. People sitting on the stairs above heard nothing of what happened in the flat.

The dead woman was discovered—by a man who lived in another flat—lying fully dressed on the floor near her bed. She had been strangled.

Deputy Chief Constable W. T. Hutchings, with other C.I.D. officers, searched all night for clues. The woman, unmarried, had lived in the flat for two years. She was known as "Blonde" Strange.

She had a two-year-old daughter, Pamela, who was with relatives in the town.

Most of the evening she had spent in a public house, leaving at 10.15 with a sailor. Police visited barracks, questioning men who had been anywhere near the flat.

A friend said: "Jean was with me till she left the public house. Shortly before the 'All clear' sounded she got up to leave with a sailor."

"As she went past the door two other sailors said something and one stroked her hair. The sailor with her seemed to object to this and told the two others to come outside."

"All of them went into the passage and soon afterwards Jean came back. She said there was going to be a fight and she wanted to go home. She went back into the passage and did not return."

Afraid Of Dark

Before she left she told a barmaid that she was afraid to go home in the dark because there were so many "roughs" in the streets.

Police are attempting to account for the woman's movements from the time she was seen to leave the public house to the time she died—only ten minutes according to the police surgeon's estimate.

The flat is only 300 yards from the public house.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gulliford, who lives in the flat above that in which the murder was committed, said: "I was sitting on the stairs during the raid alarm and heard no one go into the flat below. A man has been detained."

150 GO TO GAOL SHIP

Till War Ends

Armoured vehicles and 100 police carrying rifles escorted ten buses containing 150 interned men for part of a 130-mile journey from Londonderry to Strangford, County Down.

The men were on their way from Londonderry gaol to a 5,000-ton prison ship, anchored in Strangford Lough. They will stay in the ship until the war ends.

Soldiers and policemen guarded the route from the jail to the barracks, where the prisoners were sorted for the journey to Strangford.

All streets near the prison were closed by barbed wire entanglements; people had to show identity cards; streets adjoining the prohibited area were barricaded.

Prisoners, and police armed with rifles, sat in alternate seats in the buses. Before and after every bus was a police tender full of armed men.

Anti-British songs were sung by the prisoners, but people in the streets were silent as the buses passed.

The interned men—suspected leaders of an outlawed organisation—will soon be joined by 104 others now in Belfast gaol.

BLACK-OUTS IN MANCHURIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A.R.P. EXERCISES ARE TO BE HELD IN HARBIN AND PINGKIANG PROVINCE TOWARDS THE END OF THE PRESENT MONTH, SAID THE "MANCHURIA DAILY NEWS" YESTERDAY.

Preparations for the black-out must be completed by this weekend when the lighting equivalent of every house will be inspected. Inhabitants have been warned to be prepared for air raid signals which may be sounded at any time in the next few days.—Havas.

PREMIER IN DOCKLAND

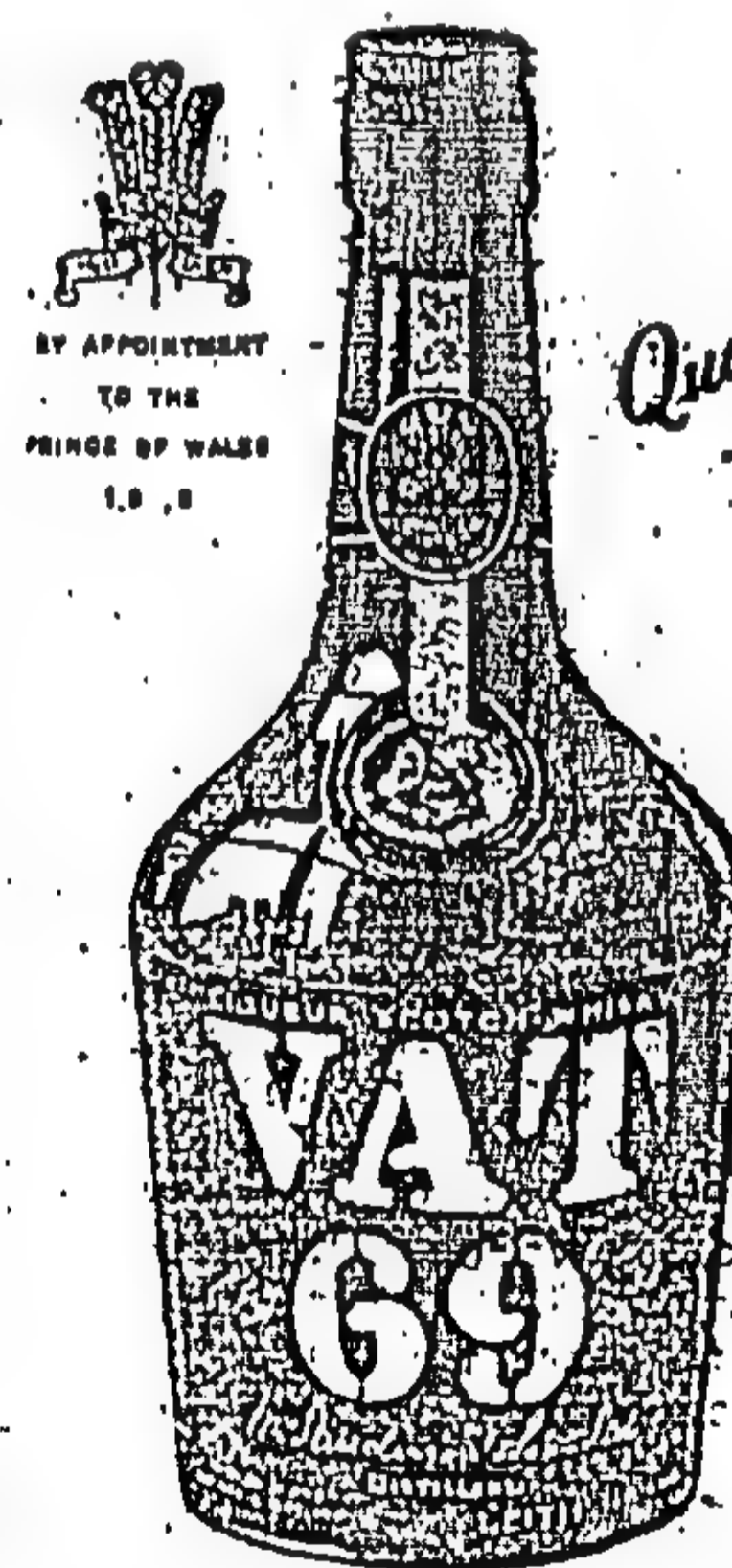
The Prime Minister was in the East-End of London during the early part of a recent night's air raid. Business kept him in Downing Street until the early evening, when he set out on an informal tour of Dockland.

Everywhere he went Mr. Churchill was quickly recognised and given a most enthusiastic reception. Crowds gathered around him shouting "Good old Winston."

"Cheer-up. We are winning," was Mr. Churchill's remark to one East End woman. His tour had not concluded when the alarm was sounded. He stayed for a time in the East End before returning to Downing Street.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to move eastward; pressure is now highest over central Japan, and relatively low between the Vistayas and the Carolines.



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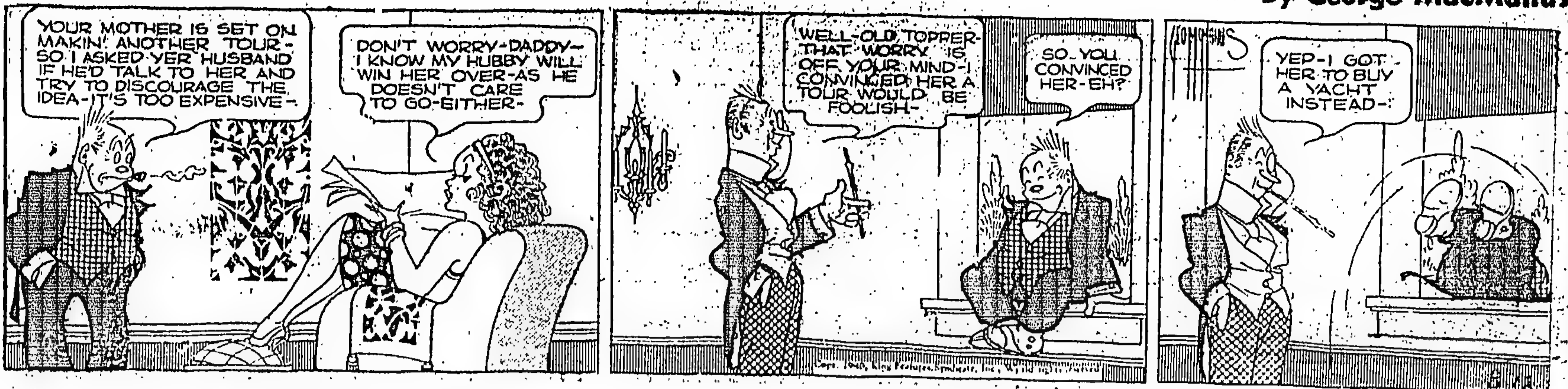
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

To Make A Child's Bedroom Slippers

The instructions will produce a pair to fit a child of about five years old. At the end, will tell you how to adapt them for a tiny baby, or for an older child.

You will need about 2 ounces of double knitting wool, and a pair of No. 7 needles. Start at the toe, casting on 16 stitches. Work into the backs of all stitches on cast-on rows to get firm edges. Do 14 rows of garter stitch (every row K), then turn, and pick up 7 stitches down the left side of the work. Cast on 18, turn and work back to the other side of the toe, then pick up 7 stitches, purl-wise, down the right side of the toe piece. Cast on 18, turn, and work back across the 68 stitches. Do 8 rows, 9th row K 24, K 2 together, K 14, K 2 together, K 24 (64 stitches). Now shape the heel, by decreasing 1 stitch at both ends of the following 5 rows, then cast off the remainder.

To make up, join the heel edges, and the seam down the middle of



the sole, very neatly. You can embroider a flower posy in gay coloured wools on the toe, if you like. Make the second slipper to match.

By using 3-ply wool and a pair of No. 12 needles, and following the same instructions, you can make a pair of shoes for a small baby. Ankle straps should be

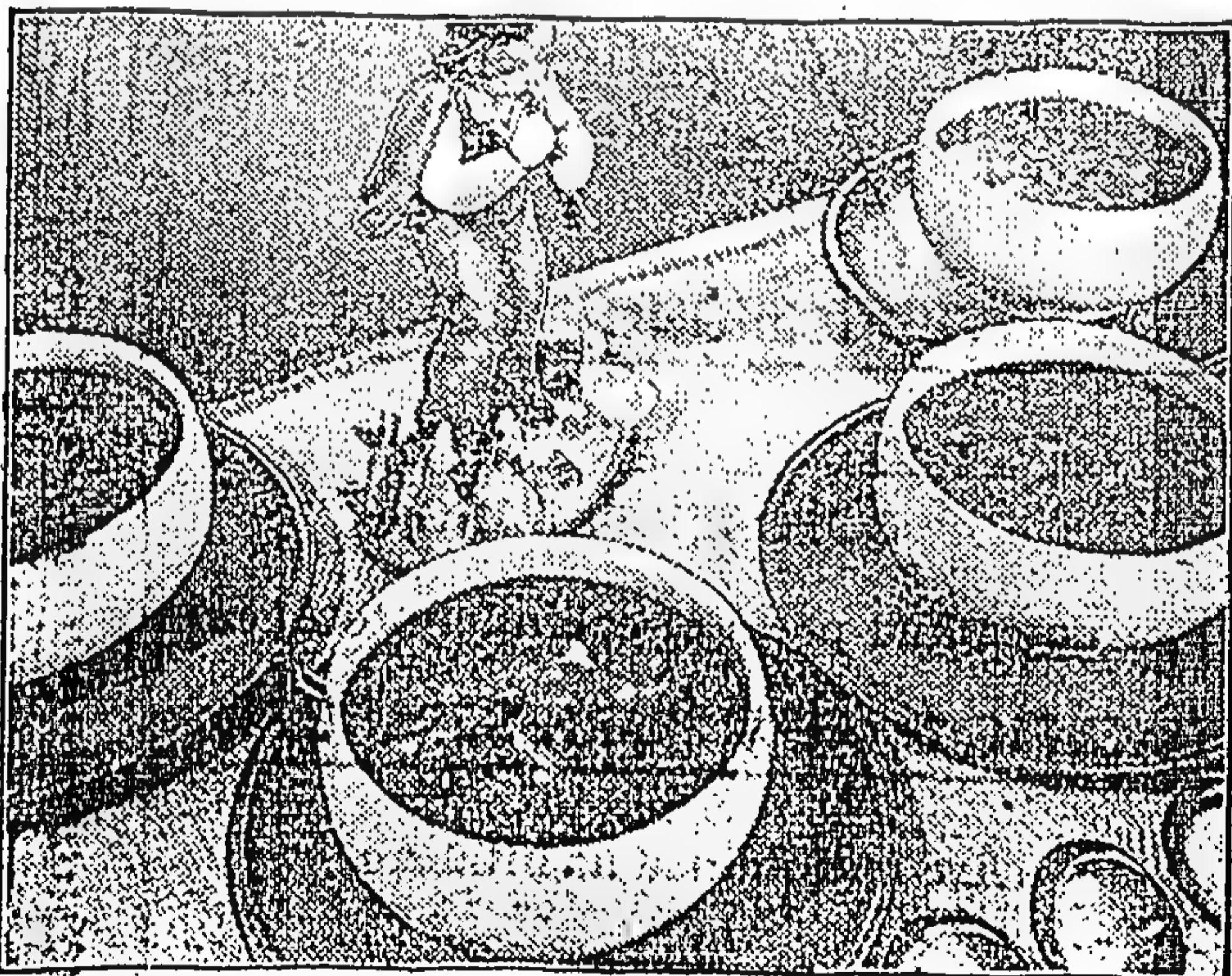
added to keep the shoes on baby's little kicking toes. To do this, after you have joined the heel edges, pick up 4 stitches on each side of the seam, then cast on 16 stitches. Work back, and cast on another 16 stitches. Work 2 rows on these 40 stitches. Next row make a buttonhole, thus: K 3, wool forward, K 2 together, K to end. Work 2 more rows, and cast off. When making the second ankle strap, reverse the position of the buttonhole by knitting to the 5th stitch before the end of the 3rd row, then doing the wool forward, K 2 together, K 3, as explained before. Sew a tiny button on the opposite edge of each strap.

For a bigger pair of slippers, start by casting on 18 or 20 stitches, using double knitting wool and No. 7 needles. Work 16 rows of garter stitch, pick up 8 stitches down each side of the toe, and cast on 20 or 22 stitches for each side of the slipper. Then proceed as explained. When you have finished the 8 rows (or 10 if wanted deeper) for the sides, K 19; if you've cast on 20 stitches or 21 if you've cast on 22 stitches, K 2 together, and K 16 or 18, according to whether the toe has 18 or 20 stitches in the original cast on row. This sounds a bit complicated, but it isn't really. When once you have tried out the instructions, you will see how easy it is to adapt them.

Stick-to-the-ribs SOUPS are comforting on chilly days

Dorothy Greig

WHEN there's a bite in the air and the family flocks in with that pinched blue look, that's the time to offer the warming comfort of hot soup. It chases chills.



Peasant Vegetable Soup for a cold day.

Serve it thick, generous with meat and vegetables; its aroma a rich promise of the hearty goodness beneath. The two soups suggested here are just such soups. They will fortify young and old alike against the sharpness of fall days.

Peasant Vegetable Soup

1 can condensed pea soup
1 can condensed vegetable soup
1 can water, using soup can for measure
1 cup milk

Combine the vegetable soup with the pea soup. Then add one can of

water and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk. Heat, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

Scotch Broth—Indienne Style

4 teaspoons butter
4 teaspoons flour
1 can condensed Scotch broth
1 can water
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 teaspoon curry powder
(2 tablespoons water added)

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Then add the flour and cook until frothy. Add the Scotch broth, bring to a boil and simmer several minutes until thickened. Stir in the curry powder and serve. Serves 3-4.



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Dieting Dot lists her pounds among the troubles she'd like to escape.

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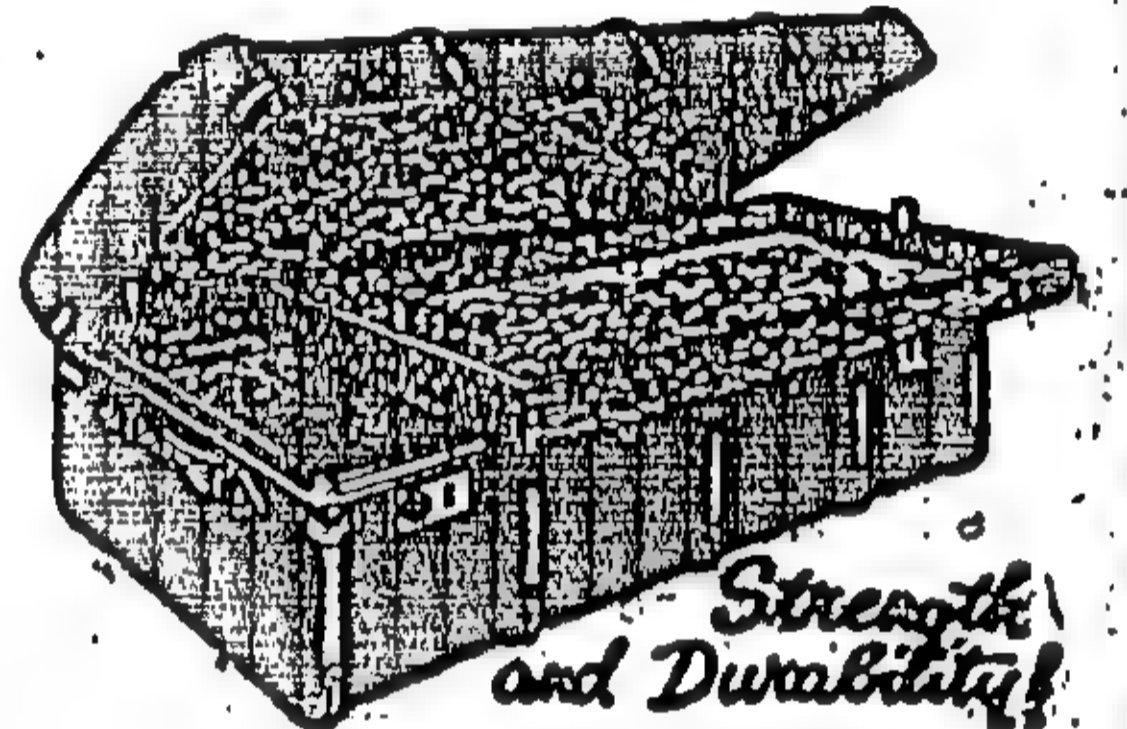
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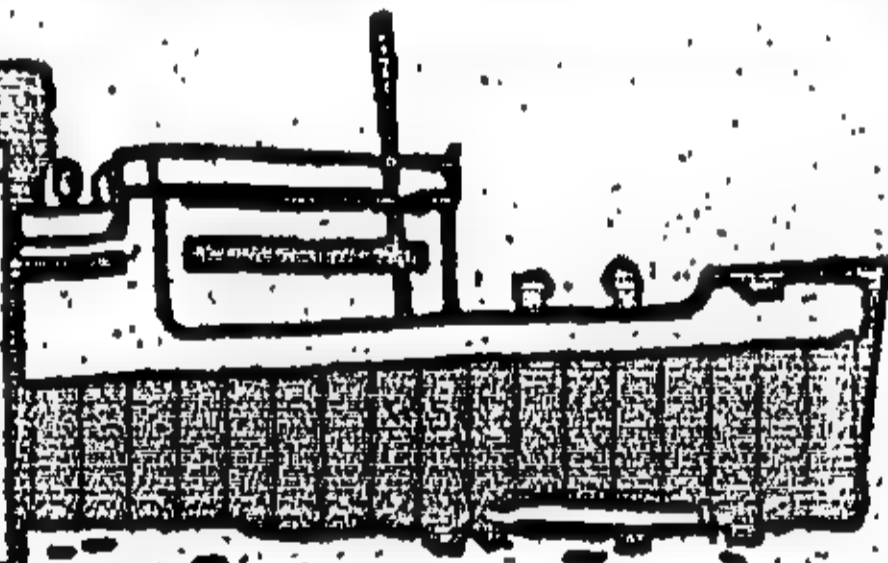
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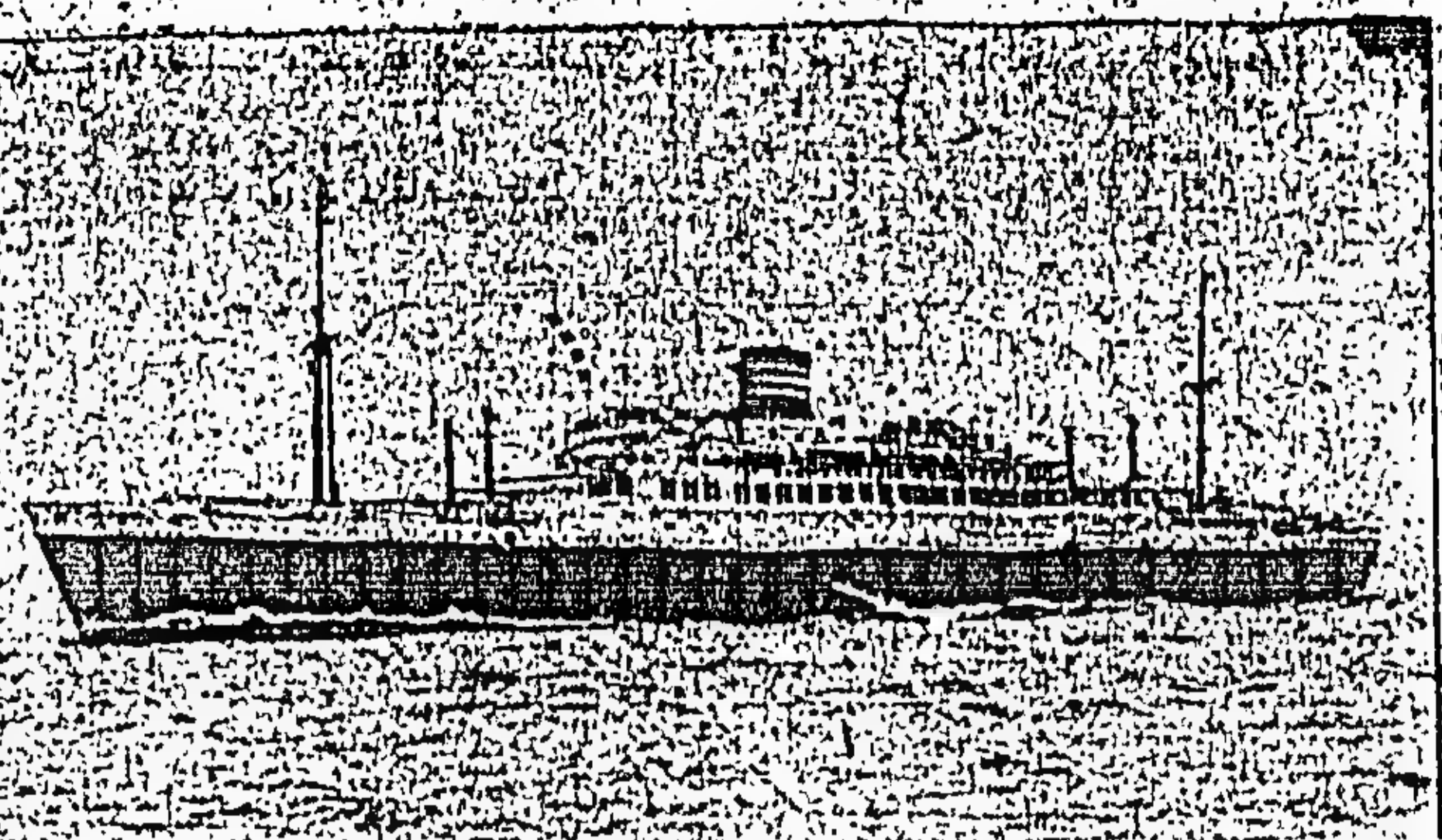
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12.30 p.m.—Dohnanyi—Quartet in D Flat Major, Op. 15.
12.55 p.m.—Piano—Solo by Vladimir Horowitz.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.
1.21 p.m.—Gerry Moore at the Piano.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—The B.B.C. Dance Orch.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Chausson—Symphony in B Flat Major, Op. 20.
Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire.
6.33 p.m.—Songs by Hubert Elsdell (Tenor).
6.43 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.45 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Dennis Noble (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Studio—A French Recital by Denise Carroll (Soprano) and T. Lay (Piano).
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Talks: "Ajarra and Excursions" by Dr. Winifred Curtis.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.
9.30 p.m.—A Czechoslovakian Programme with a Talk from the Studio.
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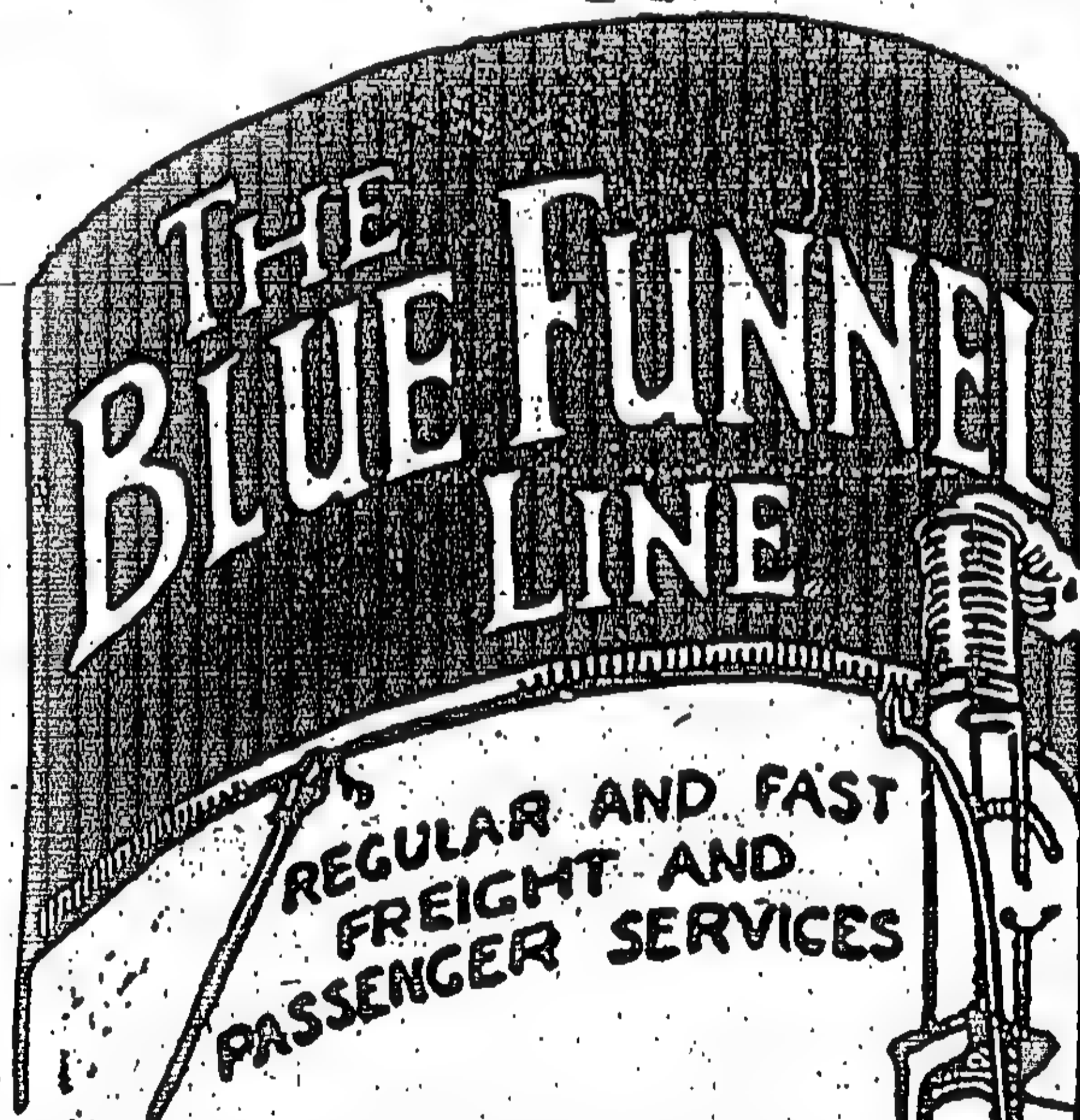
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JAPANESE BID FOR APPLE MARKET

The first experimental shipment of thirty crates of Aomori apples left for Sourabaya, Netherlands East Indies, on board the Nissho Maru yesterday as Japanese producers sought new markets.

The Java markets hitherto have been almost monopolised by Australian "Granny Smith" apples which are known for their keeping characteristics.

Former Japanese attempts to ship supplies to the N.E.I. failed through lack of cold storage facilities on Japanese ships.

This drawback has been remedied, permitting the 16-day voyage across the Equator.

Japanese apples are now also being sent to Germany which formerly obtained its apples from America and Canada. — Reuter.

PRISON FOR CRUELTY

"You are not the type of woman who should have the care of any child," said Mr. E. Himsforth this morning to Fung Lin, 38, residing at No. 430, Reclamation Street, when sentencing her to four months' hard labour for ill-treating her adopted daughter.

She was fined \$20 for failing to report the possession of the "ward," Mak Ngan, ill-year-old girl.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., stated that the girl was found wandering in Tsimshatsui at 8.30 p.m. last Thursday by a policeman, who took her to the station. The girl alleged that she was struck with a hammer on cheek, nose, back and all over her body at 3.30 p.m. that day.

Accused had reported to Mongkok Police Station that the girl

STATE RICE STORAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE "JAPAN TIMES" REPORTED IN TOKYO YESTERDAY THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED ALL PREFECTURAL AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH THE STATE MANAGEMENT OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF RICE.

Municipal, town and village associations will allocate quotas for rice among rice producers and land owners.

These quotas will later be adjusted to the actual amounts produced. Rice, set aside as Government stocks will be packed and delivered to warehouses designated by the prefectural authorities. — Havas.

FRAUD OF PEAK COOK

KWONG PO-WAH, 25, COOK-BOY, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. K. M. A. BARNETT THIS MORNING, WITH OBTAINING GOODS TO THE VALUE OF \$422.66 FROM THE WING SANG CHEUNG SHOP, NO. 11, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, BY FALSE PRETENCES.

Det. Sergt. A. F. Cochrane said defendant was employed by Mr. A. J. Leask, of No. 104, The Peak. As a daily routine, he was given money to purchase provisions. Instead, he obtained a comrade book from the Wing Sang Cheung shop without the permission of his employer, and obtained the goods on credit.

On October 21, Mr. Leask received a bill and defendant was arrested.

Defendant said he gambled with the money.

Defendant was remanded for 48 hours.

had absconded. Bruises were found all over the girl's body. The woman had a previous conviction for a similar offence against her own daughter about four years ago.

BRITISH ALLIANCE WITH CZECHS

On the occasion of the recent signature of the military agreement between their two countries the King and President Benes exchanged the following telegrams:—

"On the occasion of the signature of the military agreement between the British Government and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government I welcome the opportunity to express to Your Majesty sincere thanks for this new proof of the active sympathies of Britain. This further act of Allied cooperation will meet with glad satisfaction in my sorely afflicted country whose people it will encourage to redouble the opposition to German tyranny. Czechoslovak soldiers and airmen will be proud to be, as result of this agreement, more closely associated with their British brothers-in-arms whose dauntless exploits today arouse the admiration of the civilised world."

His Majesty replied: "I much appreciate Your Excellency's message."

I and my peoples have watched with admiration the stubborn resistance offered by the Czech and Slovak peoples to German oppression and we are proud to have your brave soldiers and airmen at our side in the defence of this country and the cause of liberty in Czechoslovakia and throughout Europe." — British Wireless.

SHOTS BY R.A.F. MAN IN THE WEST END

An R.A.F. officer fired warning shots as he pursued a man suspected of posing as a pilot officer in the West End of London.

At the same time, a civilian, George William Lacey, a carman, who was on his way to work, collapsed and died, apparently from shock on hearing the firing, for he was not injured.

Later in the day Darcy Wilson, twenty-nine, barman, of Pitt Road, Thornton Heath, was remanded before Mr. McKenna, at Bow Street, on a charge of wearing the uniform of a pilot-officer of the R.A.F. in Wild Street, Drury Lane, calculated falsely to suggest that he was acting in the service of his Majesty. He pleaded guilty.

It was stated that the police wished to make inquiries and applied for a remand.

Flight-Lieutenant John Forbes Andre Day said that when in Oxford Street that morning Wilson gave him a sloppy salute.

He felt suspicious, as it was not usual for a pilot-officer to salute a flight-lieutenant. The man was also wearing a ribbon which was

ROBBERY PLOT FOILED

A plan to rob the owner of a timberyard in Kowloon City last night was frustrated by police under Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser.

Before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning, Leung Mui, 22, Keung Woon-cheung, 23, Leung Fuk, 19, and Leung Ching, 35, were sentenced to six months' hard labour for conspiracy, while Ma Hok-ling, 22, who pleaded not guilty to the offence, was discharged.

Keung Woon-cheung was given a further three months' for possession of a dangerous weapon.

Det.-Sgt. Fraser said the police arrested all accused, except Leung Ching, in Argyle Street at 6 p.m. yesterday. They found a top pistol in Leung Mui's pocket, an iron in Keung's girdle and a rope in Leung Fuk's possession. They accompanied the police to the Wing Yee Cheung Timberyard in Sai Kung Road and arrested Leung Ching who was sitting outside.

It was later established that Leung Ching, who had been employed in the Yard and who knew the owner was in the habit of carrying money home shortly after the business closed down at 6 p.m. daily, suggested the robbery to Leung Mui, who organised the gang and planned to rob the Yard's owner last evening.

According to the prosecution, Leung Ching's job was to invite folks of the Yard to a tea-house while the robbery was staged by the other accused.

All the convicted accused were recommended for banishment.

"MONTEROY" DUE IN SHANGHAI SATURDAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The American President Lines announced in Shanghai yesterday that the liner Monterey is arriving in the northern port on Nov. 2 and sailing for Los Angeles and San Francisco via New Zealand. The liner Mariposa is due to arrive on Nov. 10 and the Washington on Nov. 19. — Havas.

not right. He spoke to him, and his conversation led him to believe he was an imposter.

"I put him under arrest," continued the flight-lieutenant, "but as we approached Adastral House he dived down a side street. To attract attention I fired my revolver at a blank wall."

"He did not stop and I fired again. I was running as hard as I could, and when I got round the corner two men stopped him."

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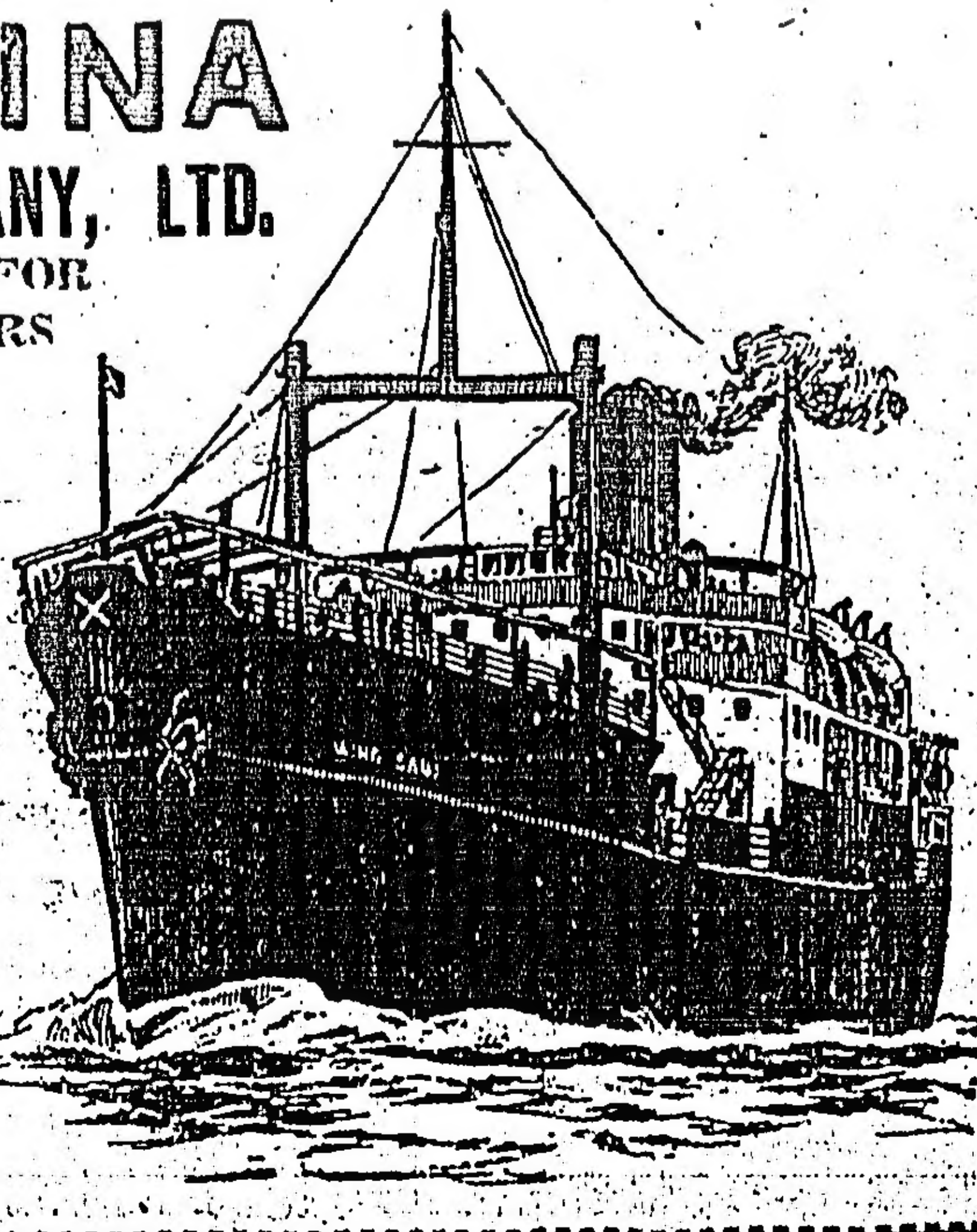
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SOUTH CHINA OUT OF LUCK

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(By "Referee")

Before a crowd even greater than the record one which attended the match between Islington Corinthians and South China A. A. several years ago, South China were forced to share the points with Sing Tao, both sides scoring twice, in their First Division football encounter at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Both teams made last-minute changes. Chan Tak-fai and Chau Man-chi, who are on the injured list, were absentees from the South China team, while Lai Shui-wing did not play for Sing Tao.

Leung Wing-chui played his first game for Sing Tao, in the pivotal position, with Song Ling-sing on his left. Chui Ah-fai played in Lai Shui-wing's place in the attack.

Sing Tao were very fortunate to secure this valuable point for South China were the better team throughout and twice held the lead.

The surprise packet of South China's team was Lam Tak-po, in the pivotal berth. He played his best game, and, though he lacked polish, had the Sing Tao inside forwards well covered, while his passes to his forwards were always good.

Two For Lee Tak-kee

Lee Tak-kee, former Eastern centre-forward, was the livewire of South China's attack. He fed Tsai Kwai-shing well, always sending the ball well ahead for the right-winger to take the ball in his stride. Lee Tak-kee scored both goals for South China, and his second one was a particularly brilliant effort.

Lee Wai-tong, who was bundled off the ball unceremoniously whenever he secured possession, sustained an injury early in the game when he collided with Hau Yung-sang, but was able to carry on. He had bad luck in not scoring on three occasions. In the first half he was going through nicely when he was brought down, and Cheung Wing-choy fumbled one of his shots, but was able to retrieve the ball before it crossed the line. In the second period, with Cheung out of position, Lee lobbed the ball over the heads of the only defenders only to see the ball hit the crossbar.

Lee Shek-yau, on the left-wing, displayed speed but was not up to his usual form. He missed a great opportunity of giving South China the lead early in the first half when well placed. Tsai Kwai-shing, on the right-wing, sent over many good centres but he was slow in doing so and this enabled the Sing Tao defence to position themselves.

Lee Kwok-wai Excels

Both of South China's backs played well. Lee Kwok-wai covered Ip Pak-wah and Chui Ah-fai well, with the result that this pair did nothing of note. Tse Kam-hung, South China left-half, had the better of Tang Kwong-sum and Chung Chung-wan, was so able to concentrate on Fung King-cheong, who was practically a passenger as a result.

Tam Kwan-kon did not have much to do in goal but might have saved both Sing Tao's goals. He appeared to lack confidence whenever under pressure.

Kwong Ying-kee was the only Sing Tao forward to show any dash, and it was only just that he should score both his side's goals. He was the most dangerous of the forwards, and lent valuable assistance to the defence. Ip Pak-wah, on the left-wing, has played better games this season, and though he did at times send over good centres he was too well watched by Lau Hing-choy.

Chui Ah-fai was not a success in the attack, and the nearest he went to scoring was with a header in the second half. He showed poor control and was often robbed by Lee Kwok-wai.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION			
South China	2	Sing Tao	2
Lee Tak-kee (2)		Kwok	Ying-kee
		(2)	
Kwong Wah	1	Police	3
Cheuk Shek-kam		Howlett, Ferrier,	
		Moss	
SECOND DIVISION			
Engineers	1	Royal Scots	1
Chan Kun-lum		Auld,	
Service Corps	11	Police	1
Sadler (4), Martin		Wall,	
(3), Morgan,			
Young, Clarke,			
Glen			
THIRD DIVISION			
7th R.A.	2	20th R.A.	1
Bigginton (2)		Lo Tut-yeung,	
Signals	1	36th R.A.	0
Husband			

Leung Wing-chui, in the pivotal position, had all his work cut out watching Lee Wai-tong and was obviously sadly in need of practice. His passes to his forwards were seldom placed accurately. He was given little assistance by Lau Ting-sang on his left.

Hau Better Back

Hau Yung-sang was the better of the two Sing Tao backs and bore the brunt of the work in defence. Lee Ting-sang did not have much time to indulge in his usual fancywork and did not catch the eye very often.

Cheung Wing-choy, in goal, brought off several good saves from close in.

South China opened the scoring in the first half through Lee Tak-kee, but before the interval Sing Tao were on level terms through Kwong Hing-kee.

South China took the lead right from the kick-off after the interval. Without a Sing Tao player touching the ball, the South China forward line swept down the field and Lee Tak-kee beat Cheung Wing-choy with a well-placed cross shot.

Play deteriorated from then on and Kwok Ying-kee equalised for Sing Tao shortly before time.

Sing Tao thus dropped their first point of the season and South China lost their third point. SOUTH CHINA—Tam Kwan-kon; Lee Kwok-wai and Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po and Tse Kam-hung; Tsai Kwai-shing, Lee Tak-kee, Lee Wai-tong, Lau Chung-sang and Lee Shek-yau.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-choy; Lee Ting-sang and Hau Yung-sang; Lau Ting-sang, Leung Wing-chui and Sooz Lung-sing; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Chui Ah-fai and Ip Pak-wah.

RECORDS SMASHED

Yesterday's game was the biggest on record for a League game, both from the attendance and receipts points of view.

The game was finished at about 5.50 p.m., but up to 7 p.m. people were still waiting for buses and trams. Over 70 tram cars were filled to overflowing to take the crowd away, in addition to a large fleet of buses.

Some people paid as much as \$5 for a dollar ticket to see the game and had to stand, and the touch-lines were lined with spectators to the top.

It is understood that over \$4,000 was collected at this game.



Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's new headquarters on Kellott Island, opened on Saturday by H.E. Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton.

GUTIERREZ SHIELD SERIES

England To Meet India In Final

ENGLAND AND INDIA will contest the Final of the Gutierrez Shield international lawn bowls competition next Sunday at Kowloon Football Club.

PEARCE 1940 GOLF CHAMPION

T. A. Pearce, Interport cricketer, won the Colony Golf Championship at Fanling yesterday with a score of 156, being followed closely by O. E. C. Marton, four times winner.

J. T. Smith, the holder, was not in the Colony to defend his title. R. K. Collings won the Visitors' Prize with 160, and best round prizes went to Col. Rose (78 Old Course) and F. D. Hunter (75 New Course).

Returns were:

	Old	New	Total
T. A. Pearce	78	80	158
O. E. C. Marton	80	77	157
F. D. Hunter	83	75	158
R. K. Collings	82	78	160
J. L. C. Pearce	79	81	160
A. J. Dennis	84	81	165
D. S. Edward	80	85	165
Col. Rose	78	91	169
F. Groves	86	85	171
R. G. McKenzie	89	82	171
W. Ahern	87	85	172
F. A. Redmond	93	81	174
T. B. Low	85	90	175
A. W. Ramsay	90	92	182

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following were yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS			
Cardinals	7	Waheos	2
Chung Hwa	9	Ramblerettes	24
Canadian Chinese	32	Little Flowers	10
MEN'S			
First Division			
Canadian Chinese	5	Cyclones	9
Filipinos	4	Indians	10
Second Division			
Baseball Club	1	St. Joseph's	14
Cosmopolitan	9	Recreo	18
Royal Artillery	4	Royal Scots	15



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G. DUNCAN —AGAIN WINS—

George Duncan, holder, beat C. F. Needham by 21 shots to 5 at the 19th head yesterday in the Final of the Lawn Bowls Singles Championship of Hong Kong Football Club.

BATTERY TEAMS WIN

TWO "CHINA MAIL" CHALLENGE CUP MATCHES WERE PLAYED YESTERDAY. 1ST BATTERY "B" AND 1ST BATTERY "A" WINNING.

No. 5 Coy. "B", led 5-0 at the 3rd, were leading 10-7 at the 10th and 14-9 at the 14th, but the Battery four then scored 1 2 3 1 to lead 16-14, only to concede two singles and so start the last head all square. A single then gave them victory.

No. 3 Coy. "B" conceding three at the first head, led 8-7 at the 9th, 12-8 at the 13th and 16-10 at the 17th, only to concede 3 3 2 1 and so lose by three shots. 1st Battery "B" No. 5 Coy. "B". T. Lockhart M. F. Alarcon G. Stone P. M. N. da Silva E. R. Clemow A. M. Xavier L. Jack H. A. Botelho (Skip) 17 (Skip) 16 1st Battery "A" No. 3 Coy. "B". P. Morrison R. Broadbridge J. R. Carr D. Hung B. I. Bickford N. A. E. Mackay J. Watson T. A. Madar (Skip) 19 (Skip) 16

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

N. B. Fraser has taken over the duties of Football Secretary of Police from J. S. Riddell.

In future all charity games will be of 90 minutes duration. This will enable players to become accustomed to a longer period of play in preparation for the coming Interport.

Entries for the Junior and Senior Shield competitions close on Thursday next.

In order to save inconvenience to players and all concerned football referees will be requested, in case of doubt as to the fitness of the ground owing to rain, to visit the ground as soon as possible after noon, and then make their decision as to whether play is possible.

A. W. Smith, of Royal Army Dental Corps, will be playing in goal for the Referees in the annual game against Press.

Lieut.-Col. the Rev. S. Hinchliffe, S.C.F. (C.E.) has been selected to officiate at the Annual Poppy Day Charity game on November 11 between Combined Services and Rest of the Colony.

Captain, A. W. F. Peal has resumed his duties as Hon. Secretary of Area Sports Board.

The departure of Comdr. W. P. McCarthy leaves vacant the vice-presidency of Hong Kong Football Association and has the Appeals Board of the Association.

W. Glover, Royal Navy, is Hon. Secretary Royal Navy and Royal Marines Football Referees Association in Hong Kong.

Sgt. Johns, a second class referee, has become affiliated to Hong Kong Football Association.

SOCCER FIXTURES NEXT WEEK-END

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION			
South China	v	Eastern	
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)			
Kowloon	v	Middlesex	
(Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)			
Club	v	Police	
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)			
SECOND DIVISION			
Service Corps	v	Ordnance	
(St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.)			
Kowloon	v	Middlesex	
(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)			
Club	v	Police	
(Club, 2.45 p.m.)			
THIRD DIVISION			
International	v	Medicals	
(St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)			
Shell	v	20th R.A.	
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)			
7th R.A.	v	Service Corps	
(Military, 2.45 p.m.)			
Engineers	v	12th R.A.	
(Military, 4.15 p.m.)			
Signals	v	24th R.A.	
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.)			

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION			
Navy	v	Kwong Wah	
(Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.)			
Sing Tao	v	R. Scots	
(Club, 4.15 p.m.)			
SECOND DIVISION			
10th R.A.	v	South China	
(Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)			
Sing Tao	v	R. Scots	
(Club, 2.45 p.m.)			
Navy	v	Engineers	
(Navy, 2.45 p.m.)			
Kit Choe	v	Kwong Wah	
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)			
THIRD DIVISION			
Air Force	v	30th R.A.	
(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)			
33th R.A.	v	A.S.A.	
(Soekunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)			

YACHTING

Wendy (H. W. Bromer) won the first of yesterday's menagerie races over 1.5 miles. Curlew (P. Clarke) was second with Gull (A. O. C. Mills) third. Painted Lady (W. H. L. Hayfield) won the second event from Dragonfly (D. B. Carter) and Joss (G. E. Neve).

MAZUZA BOWLS WELL BUT H.K.U. BEATEN BY 1 WKT.

DESPITE A FINE SPELL OF BOWLING BY E. MAZUZA (5 FOR 21), WHO AT ONE TIME HAD TAKEN 5 FOR 9 IN THE COURSE OF 25 DELIVERIES, QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL STAFF BEAT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY BY ONE WICKET IN THEIR MATCH ON THE UNIVERSITY GROUND, POKFULAM, YESTERDAY.

Fenton scored his 21 out of 39 and hit four boundaries, but the last six University wickets added only 38 runs.

Tsui and McGowan added 28 for the visitors' second wicket, but after McGowan left at 49 the remaining seven wickets added only 32 runs in 37 minutes.

Tsui, who scored 23 out of 35, was particularly harsh on Gegg, getting him away to the boundary four times and scoring two in one over.

UNIVERSITY				
C. N. Matthews, b Haynes	6			
J. Fenton, b Haynes	21			
K. S. Oh, l.b.w., b McGowan	0			
G. Hong Choy, b Haynes	0			
W. Gegg, c Skinner, b Ozorio	12			
V. Lingam, run out	11			
N. C. Sen Gupta, b Ozorio	2			
Syed Mahmood, not out	9			
L. H. Tan, c and b Skinner	4			
E. Mazuza, b Skinner	0			
S. S. Khar, c Tsui, b Hopkinson	5			
Extras (LB1, WB6)	7			

Total Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
McGowan	5	0	18	1
Haynes	8	4	23	3
Ozorio	4	0	17	2
Skinner	2	0	5	2
Hopkinson	1.6	1	7	1

Q.M. HOSPITAL STAFF				
E. V. Hopkinson, b Mahmood	3			
J. Tsui, b Hong Choy	23			
J. McGowan, c Lingam, b Hong Choy	16			
D. M. Kahn, c Fenton, b Mazuza	5			
J. Skinner, b Mazuza	6			

CLOSING DAY AT C.C.C.

Craigengower Cricket Club held their Closing Day yesterday when prizes won during the year were presented by Mrs. C. S. Rosselet, wife of the vice-president of the Club.

Prize winners were:
Lawn Bowls—Singles championship.—K. M. Omar to meet U. M. Omar in the Final. Junior Championship—Winner, W. Hong Sling; Runner-up, J. W. Leonard, Novice championship.—Winner, L. M. Roza, Runner-up, M. F. Baptista. Pairs championship.—A. Hung and U. M. Omar to meet L. Gaddi and J. Pau in the Final. Rinks championship.—Winner, S. R. Solina, A. K. Ismail, W. Hong Sling, C. S. Rosselet, Runner-up, W. Broadbridge, H. L. Forman, J. W. Leonard, A. E. Coates.

Cricket—First Division batting.—G. Souza, bowling.—A. K. Ismail. Second Division batting.—A. B. Hamson, bowling.—A. M. Omar.



Perhaps one of the most popular sports during off-duty time with A.T.S. girls in the Aldershot Command is cricket. Here is one of their number about to open an innings. (Copyright, Fox).

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

The defeat of Switzerland, holders, by Ireland provided the only upset in the quarter-finals of the Gutierrez Shield bowls competition, though Scotland went near to eliminating India. In the other games England beat Wales and Philippines proved too good for Australia. Two matches were played in the "China Mail" Challenge Cup competition, Field Engineers' "B" unexpectedly beating Pay Section and 3rd Battery winning over No. 2 Company "E".

Club's defeat at the hands of K.C.C. provided the titbit of the cricket programme of six matches. Following were the best feats:

BATTING	
E. L. Gosano	*68
G. Ainslie	63
Capt. J. E. Lawrence	*37
J. Shepherd	*37
A. E. Carey	35
D. J. N. Anderson	34
A. Zimmermann	*33
G. E. Goodban	32
* not out.	

BOWLING	
A. J. Hulse	6 for 35
F. R. Zimmermann	6 for 44

U. Ismail	5 for 36
F. Baker	4 for 12

Y.M.C.A. hockey teams were beaten, the 1st XI by 4-1 by Recreation and the 2nd XI by R.A.S.C. by 1-0.

Club proved too good for Navy in their Rugby match and won by 17-3. Players to impress were Jimmie Thomson, King, Kennedy and Gairdner. Club "A", reinforced by four Royal Scots, easily beat Navy "A" by 16-0. Davies, Carruthers and Hopkins impressed most. At Boundary Street Army, who were well served by Ford as hooker, were much superior to Police and won 22-0.

Navy and Royal Scots shared 10 goals in their First Division soccer match, the soldiers scoring twice in the last 10 minutes. Service Corps did well to beat 12th R.A. and Shell surprised Engineers when they snatched a point. R.A.F. continued in winning vein and are one of two teams with a 100 per cent. record—Engineers in Second Division are the other

RUGBY JOTTINGS

H. D. Bidwell, Club centre-threequarter, will not be available this year. He is on holiday now and is going North. Comdr. Clark, Navy scrum-half and Rugby Hon. Secretary, is leaving the Colony shortly. Lt. Carter will then take over his duties.

J. S. Dunnett, Club hooker, may also be unavailable in the near future and R. G. Castleton, who sustained a damaged rib last Saturday, will be out of the game for the remainder of this year. Club are therefore looking forward anxiously to the return of J. F. Burford as hooker.

D. B. Nelson is under doctor's orders and will not be available, until next year, at the earliest.

Two players, Jorge, of Kowloon and Yau Wah-hing of Kit Chee, were sent off during the programme of 12 matches, during which a total of 62 goals were scored.

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's new headquarters on Kellett Island were opened by H.E. Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton.



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EXPECTATIONS OF MEDITERRANEAN ACTION

Swiss Predict An Axis Assault On Gibraltar

The New Menzies Cabinet

Australia's reconstructed Federal Cabinet was announced in Melbourne yesterday.

It includes Mr. R. G. Menzies as Prime Minister and Minister for Co-ordination of Defence and Information, the veteran ex-Premier Mr. W. M. Hughes as Attorney-General and Minister of Navy, Col. Spender (Army), Mr. K. McEwen (Air), Sir Earl Page (Commerce), Mr. A. W. Fadden (Treasurer), Sir Frederick Stewart (External Affairs, Social Services and Health), Senator P. A. McBride (Supply and Development and Munitions), and Mr. H. E. Holt (Labour and National Service). — Reuter.

FULL CREDIT TO ROYAL NAVY

"England's defence in the last three months by the magnificent R.A.F. was fundamentally only possible because the British Fleet was there to halt the Germans at the water's edge," declared Col. Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of Navy, in a speech at Chicago yesterday.

The new United States Navy which would come into being in the next five years, he added, would be thoroughly competent to meet any possible combination of enemies that could be brought against the United States. — Reuter.

Wide Field Of Speculation

POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN ZURICH EXPECT FRESH GERMAN MILITARY ACTION TO FOLLOW VERY CLOSELY ON THE PETAIN-HITLER AGREEMENT.

Indications to this effect are supported by Italian press forecasts of imminent action in the eastern Mediterranean.

In Swiss comment, Gibraltar is openly mentioned as the next probable objective for Axis attack.

Meanwhile diplomatic observers in Zurich consider the silence of the Vichy Government regarding the proposals to Petain as significant.

It is felt the Vichy Government is reluctant to reveal the terms to the French public before they can be faced with a fait accompli.

Reports that two Cabinet meetings were held in Vichy before Petain accepted the German terms are considered to indicate that Petain had to overcome strong resistance within the Government itself.

Strategic Concessions

It is not believed in Zurich that Petain has agreed to active participation by French forces in the war against Britain but it is considered probable that Hitler has gained concessions of strategic importance for the prosecution of the war in the Mediterranean.

Many reports are reaching Zurich indicating the growing anxiety of the French public for a British victory but beside these must be placed the fact

that France is in effect an authoritarian State, with Laval as the controlling power.

As regards Spain, diplomatic circles in Zurich are convinced that Franco is unwilling to involve Spain in the war but will probably be unable to resist if faced with a choice between voluntarily or involuntarily allowing the German army to pass through Spain. — Reuter.

Vichy's Reticence

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Only official announcement in Vichy on the Petain-Hitler talks was an official communique which stated the two statesmen "made a general survey of the situation, with particular reference to the restoration of peace in Europe."

The two statesmen reached agreement in principle on collaboration of which the means of enforcement will be examined later.

Meanwhile the newspaper "Le Temps" says that the fact that Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier, did not return to Vichy with Marshal Petain but went to Paris, lends ground to the belief that the Franco-German negotiations have not yet been completed.

The paper added: "In any case it must be admitted that we have arrived at a turning point in Franco-German relations such as they were established by the Armistice Convention."

The French press as a whole refrains from forecasts regarding future developments. "Le Journal" wonders whether "decisions of major importance for the future of France and Europe were really taken." — Havas.

No Mention Of Military Aid

COMMENTING ON THE HITLER/PETAINE AGREEMENT, A LONDON POLITICAL OBSERVER SAID YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS AN "AGREEMENT TO AGREE, BUT STILL FAR FROM AN AGREEMENT TO ACT IN AGREEMENT!"

It is noteworthy that the Vichy communique makes no mention of military aid.

Some observers believe that, having failed in his "peace blitzkrieg," Hitler may attempt an alternative move designed to close the Western Mediterranean to the British Fleet with the help of France and Spain.

Hitler may have secured Vichy's consent to collaborate, but there is as yet no indication that Spain is ready to sacrifice herself to save Germany from defeat.

The steady growth of the Free French movement in Africa will also prove a serious obstacle to any Vichy attempts to get the support of the French Empire for Germany. — Reuter.

"Generous Offers"

Despite the official silence in Vichy regarding the Franco-German agreement, the Vichy correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" wrote yesterday he understood Hitler made "exceptionally generous offers to Petain's Government."

"Emphasis was laid on the return of the Government to Paris and the release of French prisoners of war." — Reuter.

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